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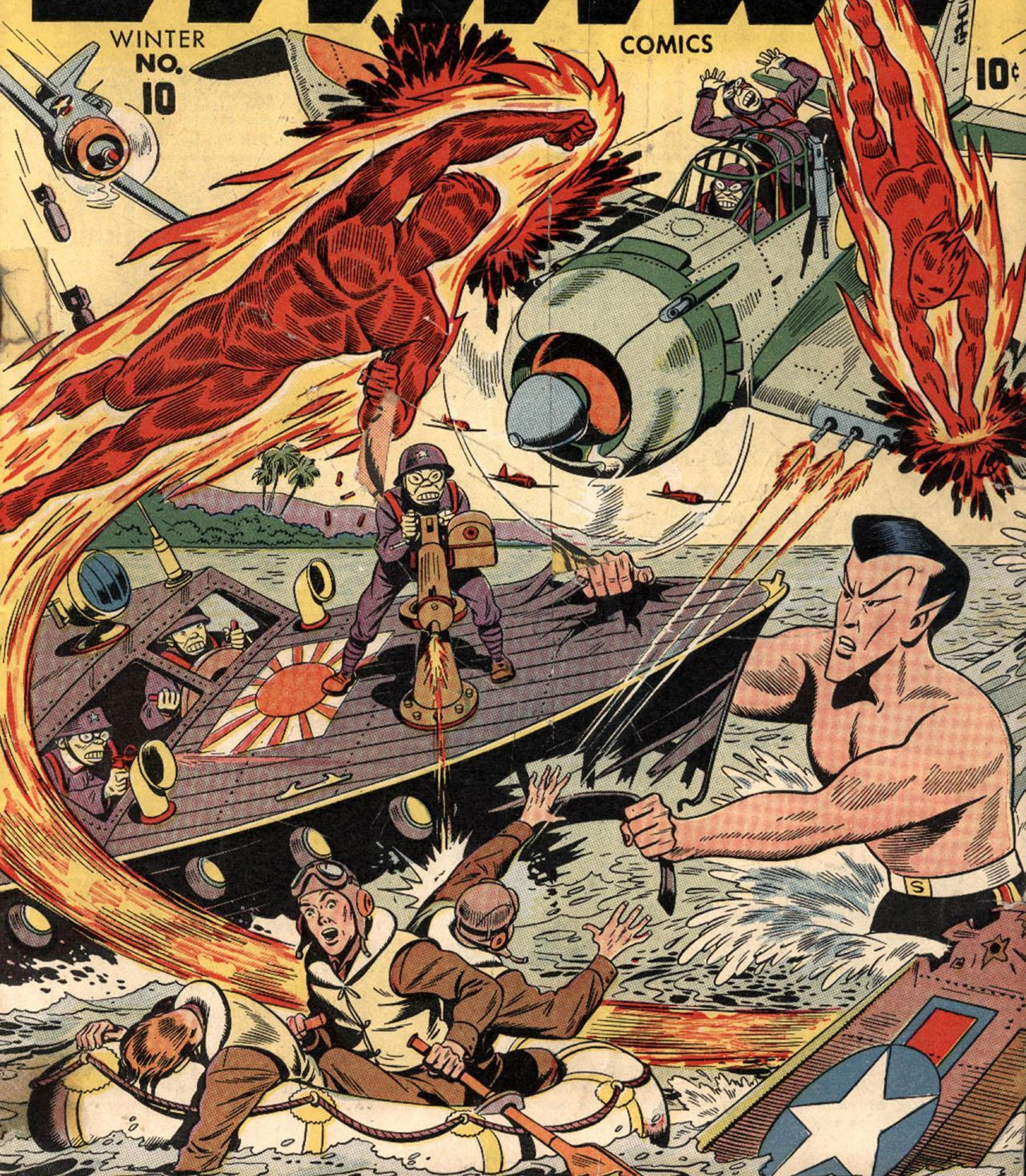

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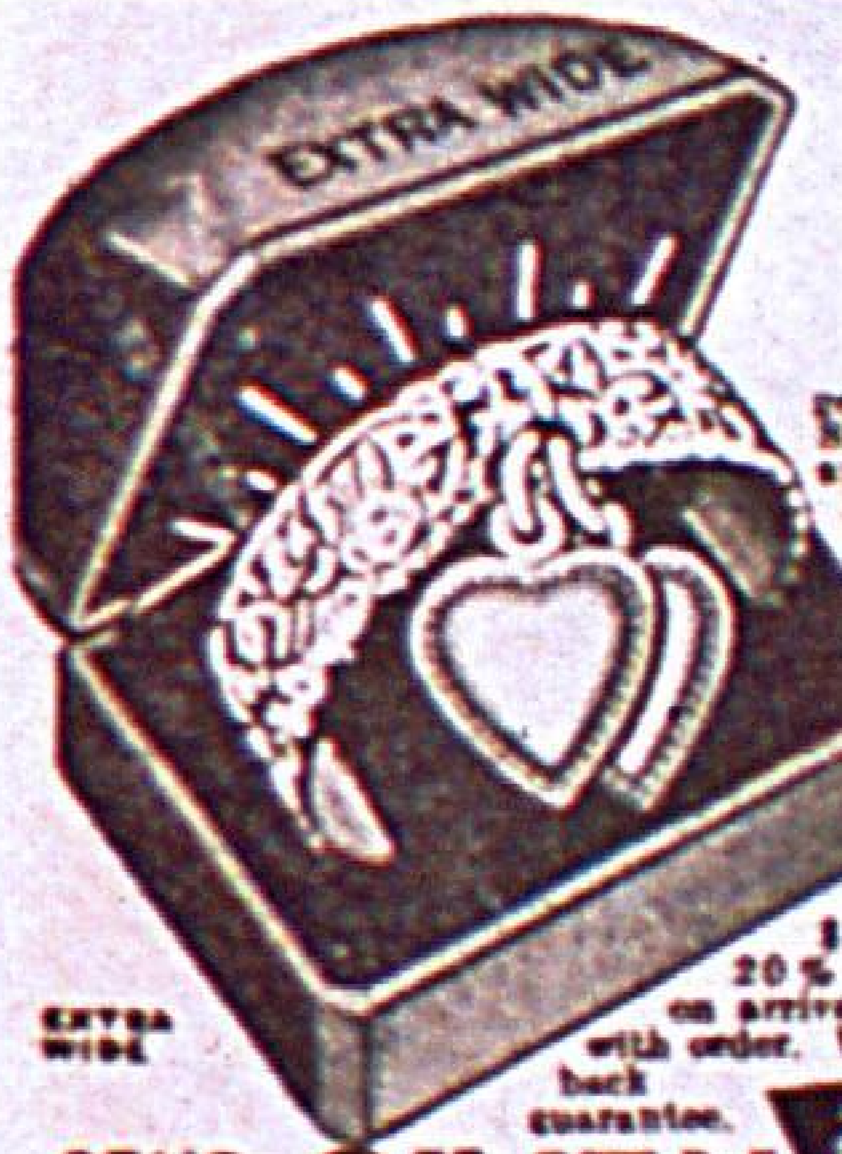

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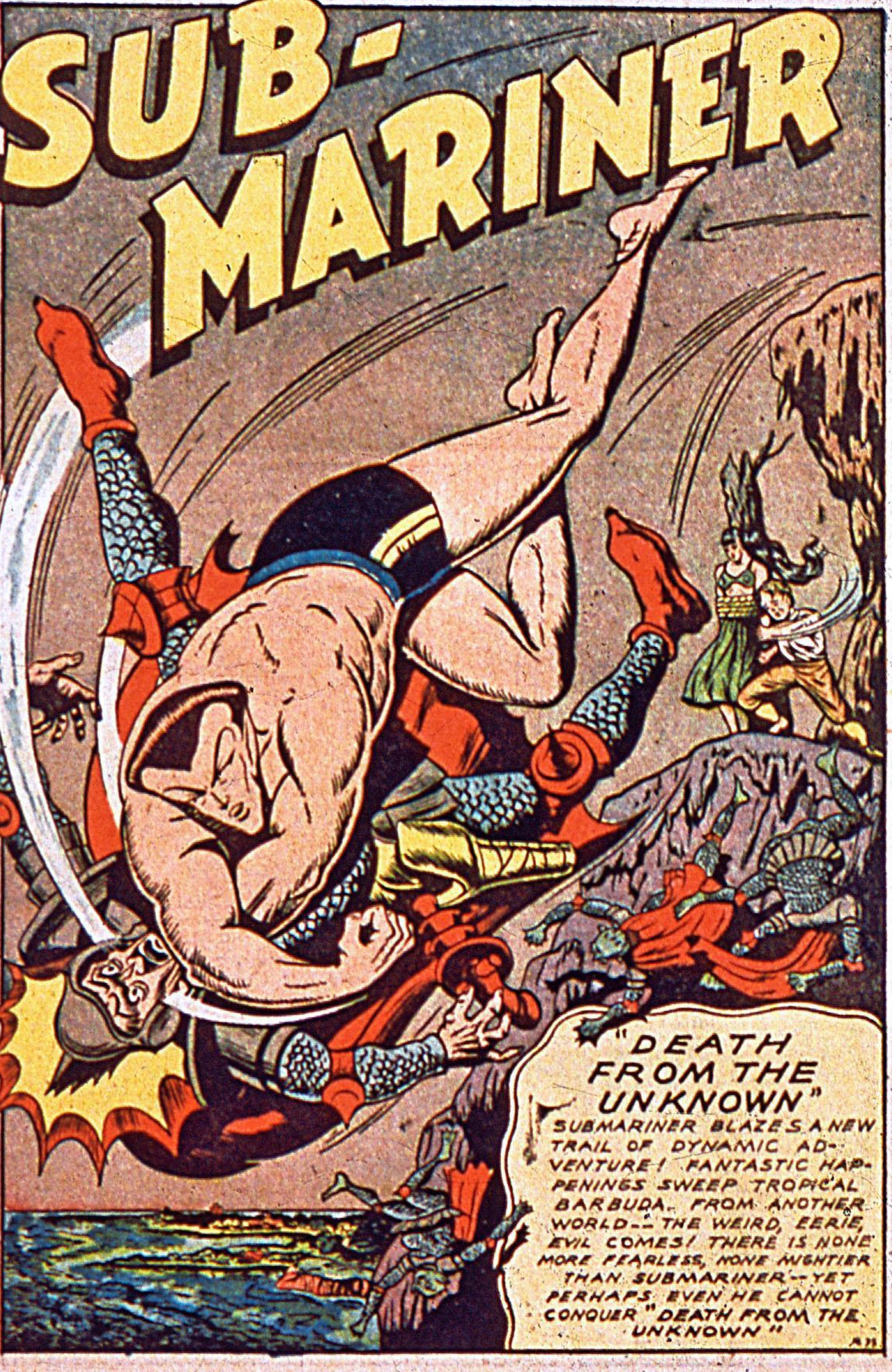
SUB-MARINER
"DEATH FROM THE UNKNOWN"
SUBMARINER BLAZES A NEW TRAIL OF DYNAMIC ADVENTURE! FANTASTIC HAPPENINGS SWEEP TROPICAL BARBUDA. FROM ANOTHER WORLD -- THE WEIRD, EERIE, EVIL COMES! THERE IS NONE MORE FEARLESS, NONE MIGHTIER THAN SUBMARINER -- YET PERHAPS EVEN HE CANNOT CONQUER "DEATH FROM THE UNKNOWN"
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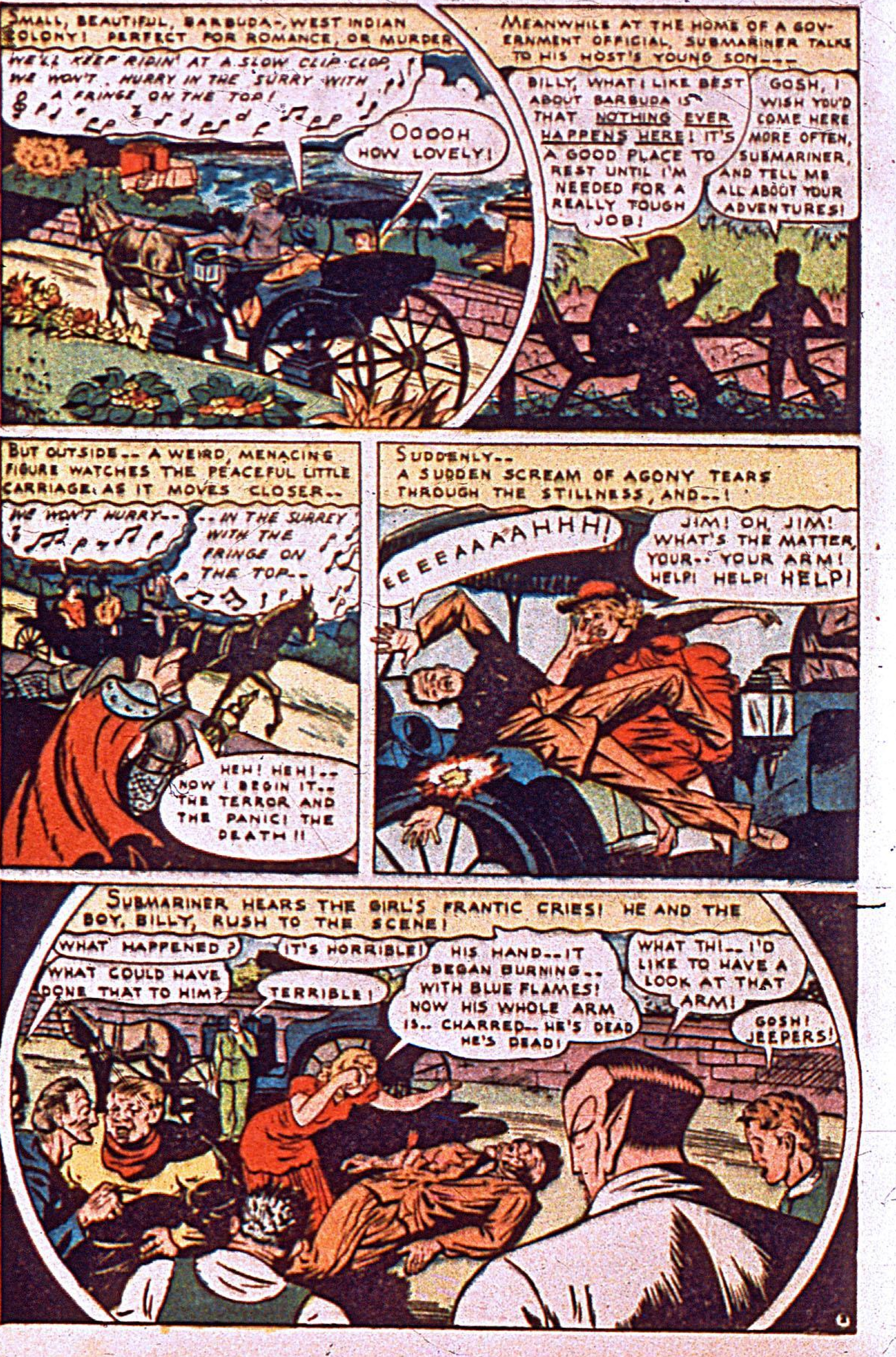
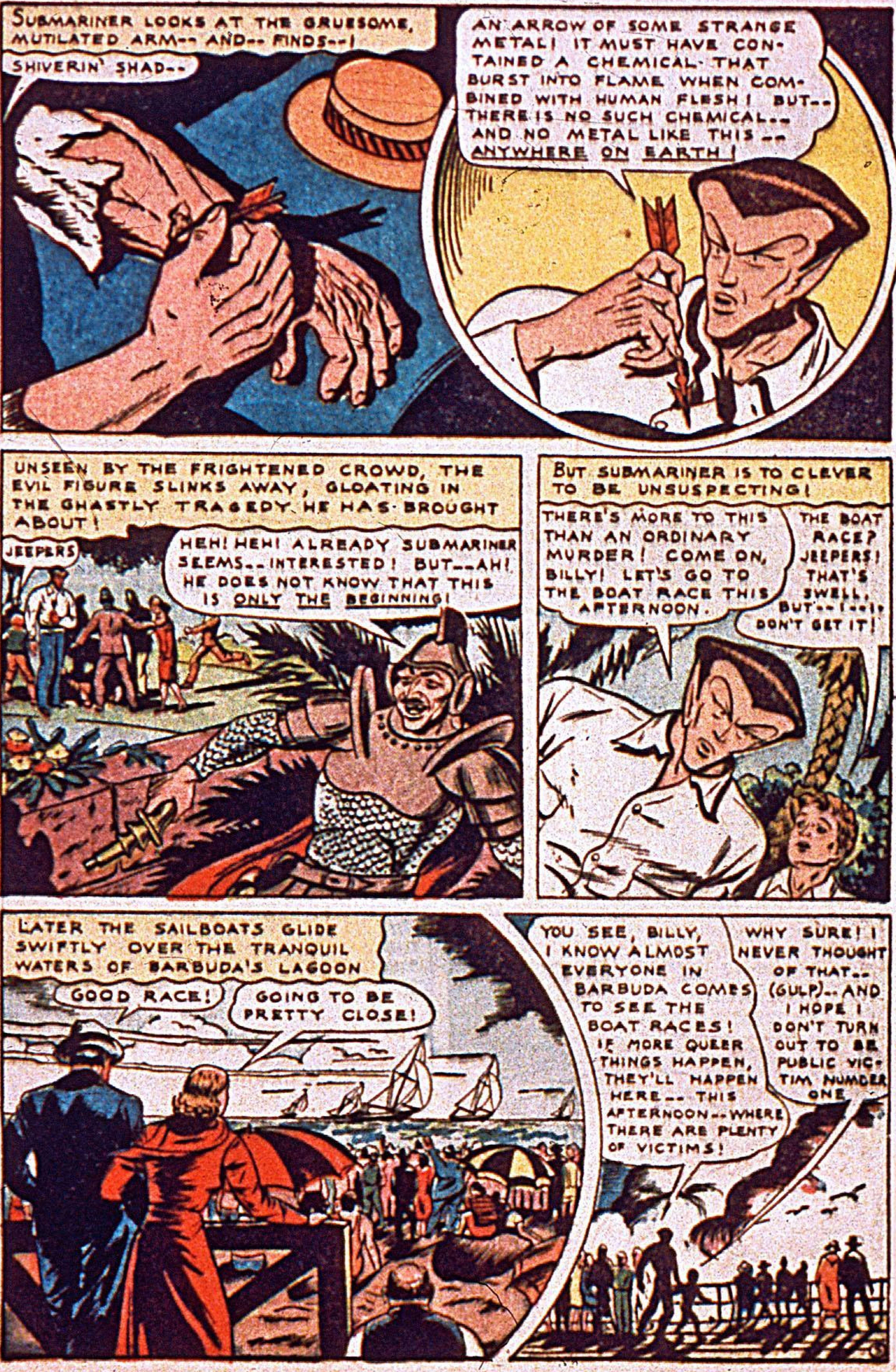
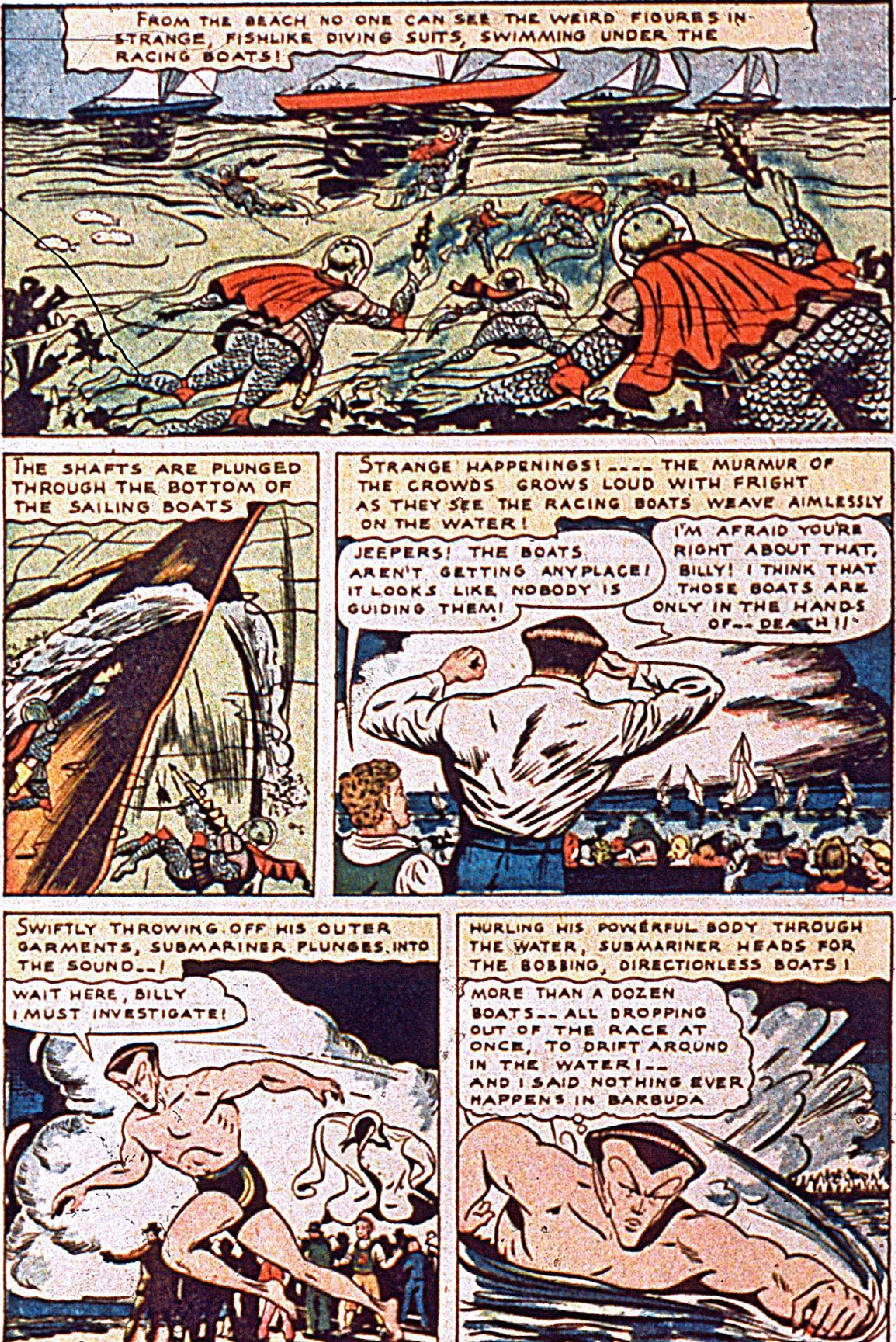

SMALL, BEAUTIFUL, BARBUDA -- WEST INDIAN COLONY! PERFECT FOR ROMANCE, OR MURDER
WE'LL KEEP RIDIN' AT A SLOW CLIP CLOP, WE WON'T HURRY IN THE SURRY WITH A FRINGE ON THE TOP!
OOOOH HOW LOVELY!
MEANWHILE AT THE HOME OF A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, SUBMARINER TALKS TO HIS HOST'S YOUNG SON---
BILLY, WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT BARBUDA IS THAT NOTHING EVER HAPPENS HERE! IT'S A GOOD PLACE TO REST UNTIL I'M NEEDED FOR A REALLY TOUGH JOB!
GOSH, I WISH YOU'D COME HERE MORE OFTEN, SUBMARINER, AND TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOUR ADVENTURES!
BUT OUTSIDE -- A WEIRD, MENACING FIGURE WATCHES THE PEACEFUL LITTLE CARRIAGE AS IT MOVES CLOSER --
WE WON'T HURRY --
-- IN THE SURREY WITH THE FRINGE ON THE TOP --
HEH! HEH! -- NOW I BEGIN IT -- THE TERROR AND THE PANIC! THE DEATH!!
SUDDENLY -- A SUDDEN SCREAM OF AGONY TEARS THROUGH THE STILLNESS, AND --!
EEEEAAAAHHH!
JIM! OH, JIM! WHAT'S THE MATTER, YOUR -- YOUR ARM! HELP! HELP! HELP!
SUBMARINER HEARS THE GIRL'S FRANTIC CRIES! HE AND THE BOY, BILLY, RUSH TO THE SCENE!
WHAT HAPPENED?
WHAT COULD HAVE DONE THAT TO HIM?
IT'S HORRIBLE!
TERRIBLE!
HIS HAND -- IT BEGAN BURNING -- WITH BLUE FLAMES! NOW HIS WHOLE ARM IS -- CHARRED -- HE'S DEAD HE'S DEAD!
WHAT THI -- I'D LIKE TO HAVE A LOOK AT THAT ARM!
GOSH! JEEPERS!


SUBMARINER LOOKS AT THE GRUESOME, MUTILATED ARM-- AND-- FINDS--!
SHIVERIN' SHAD--
AN ARROW OF SOME STRANGE METAL! IT MUST HAVE CONTAINED A CHEMICAL THAT BURST INTO FLAME WHEN COMBINED WITH HUMAN FLESH! BUT-- THERE IS NO SUCH CHEMICAL-- AND NO METAL LIKE THIS -- ANYWHERE ON EARTH!
UNSEEN BY THE FRIGHTENED CROWD, THE EVIL FIGURE SLINKS AWAY, GLOATING IN THE GHASTLY TRAGEDY HE HAS BROUGHT ABOUT!
JEEPERS
HEH! HEH! ALREADY SUBMARINER SEEMS--INTERESTED! BUT--AH! HE DOES NOT KNOW THAT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!
BUT SUBMARINER IS TO CLEVER TO BE UNSUSPECTING!
THERE'S MORE TO THIS THAN AN ORDINARY MURDER! COME ON, BILLY! LET'S GO TO THE BOAT RACE THIS AFTERNOON.
THE BOAT RACE? JEEPERS! THAT'S SWELL. BUT--I--I DON'T GET IT!
LATER THE SAILBOATS GLIDE SWIFTLY OVER THE TRANQUIL WATERS OF BARBUDA'S LAGOON
GOOD RACE!
GOING TO BE PRETTY CLOSE!
YOU SEE, BILLY, I KNOW ALMOST EVERYONE IN BARBUDA COMES TO SEE THE BOAT RACES! IF MORE QUEER THINGS HAPPEN, THEY'LL HAPPEN HERE-- THIS AFTERNOON--WHERE THERE ARE PLENTY OF VICTIMS!
WHY SURE! I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT-- (GULP)-- AND I HOPE I DON'T TURN OUT TO BE PUBLIC VICTIM NUMBER ONE


FROM THE BEACH NO ONE CAN SEE THE WEIRD FIGURES IN STRANGE, FISHLIKE DIVING SUITS, SWIMMING UNDER THE RACING BOATS!
THE SHAFTS ARE PLUNGED THROUGH THE BOTTOM OF THE SAILING BOATS
STRANGE HAPPENINGS! ---- THE MURMUR OF THE CROWDS GROWS LOUD WITH FRIGHT AS THEY SEE THE RACING BOATS WEAVE AIMLESSLY ON THE WATER!
JEEPERS! THE BOATS AREN'T GETTING ANYPLACE! IT LOOKS LIKE NOBODY IS GUIDING THEM!
I'M AFRAID YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT, BILLY! I THINK THAT THOSE BOATS ARE ONLY IN THE HANDS OF-- DEATH!!
SWIFTLY THROWING OFF HIS OUTER GARMENTS, SUBMARINER PLUNGES INTO THE SOUND--!
WAIT HERE, BILLY I MUST INVESTIGATE!
HURLING HIS POWERFUL BODY THROUGH THE WATER, SUBMARINER HEADS FOR THE BOBBING, DIRECTIONLESS BOATS!
MORE THAN A DOZEN BOATS-- ALL DROPPING OUT OF THE RACE AT ONCE, TO DRIFT AROUND IN THE WATER!-- AND I SAID NOTHING EVER HAPPENS IN BARBUDA
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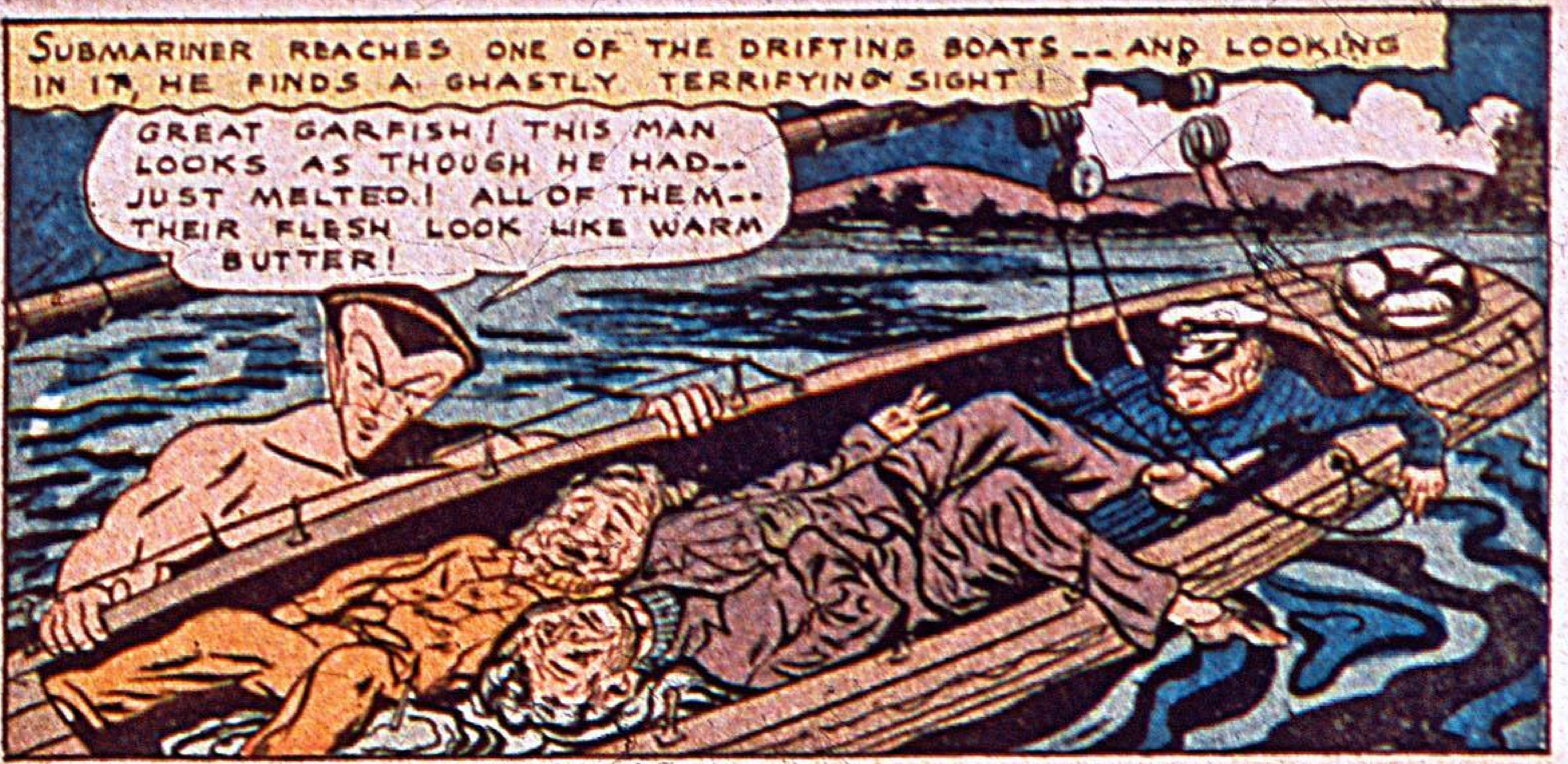
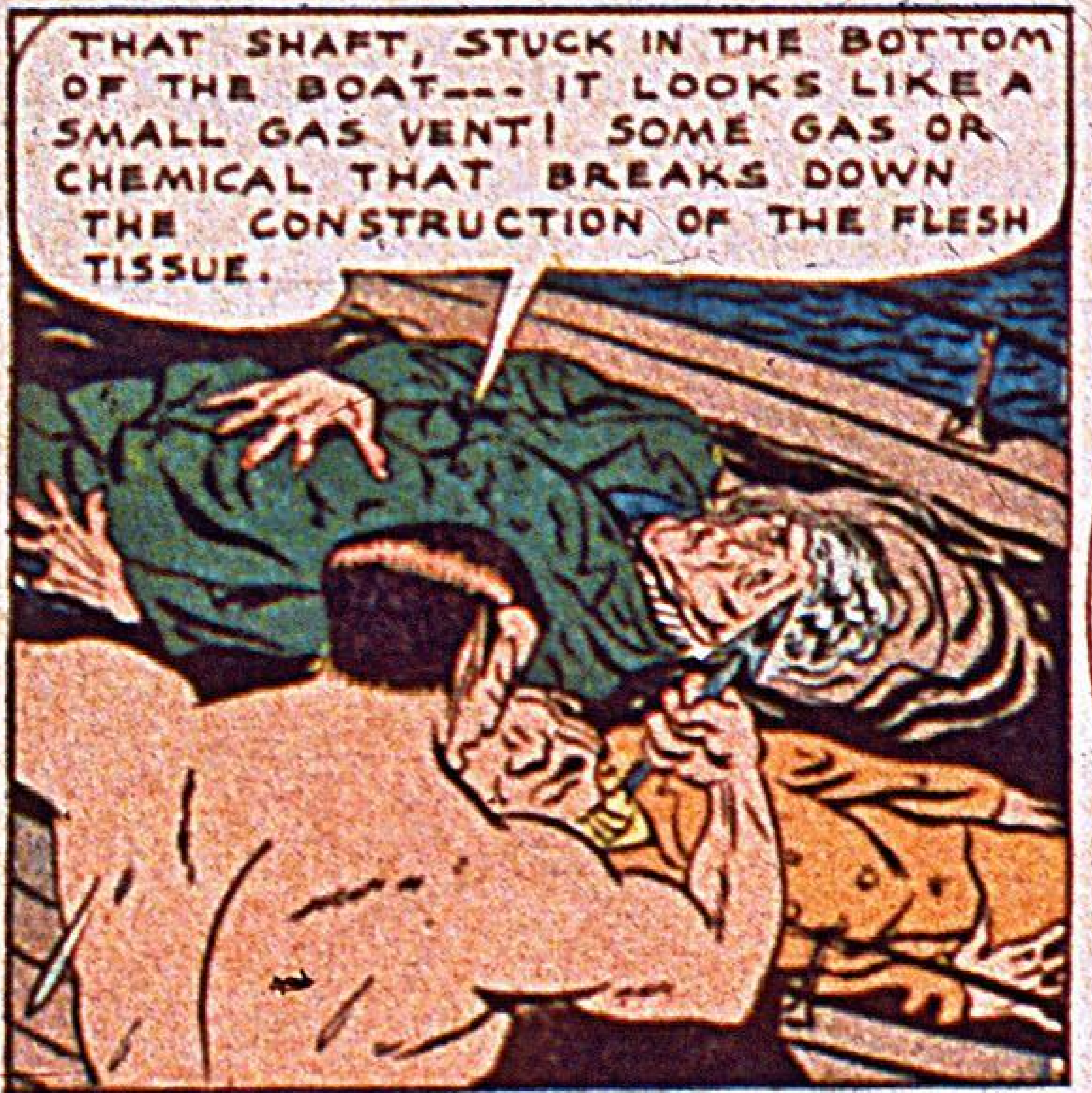
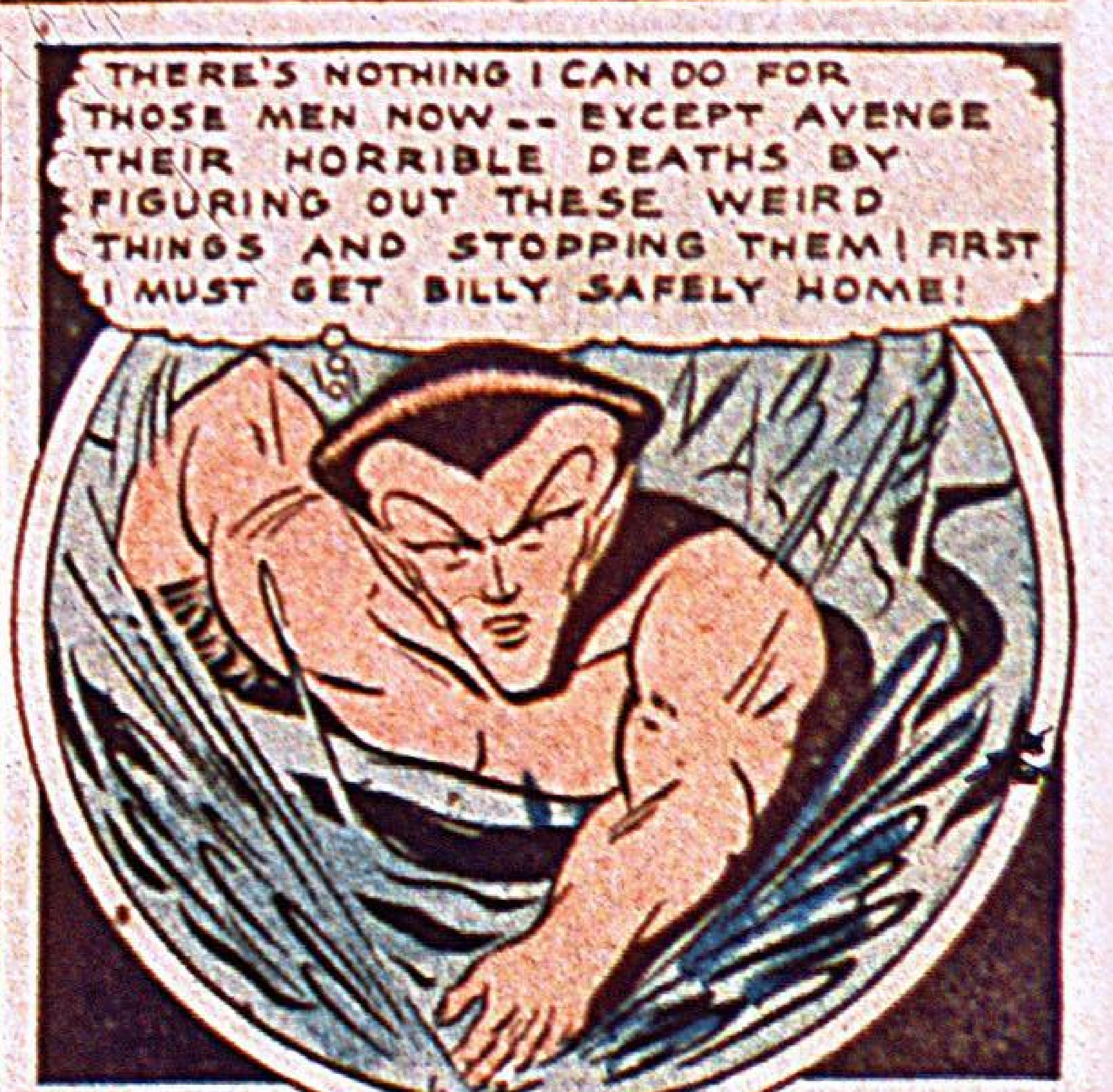
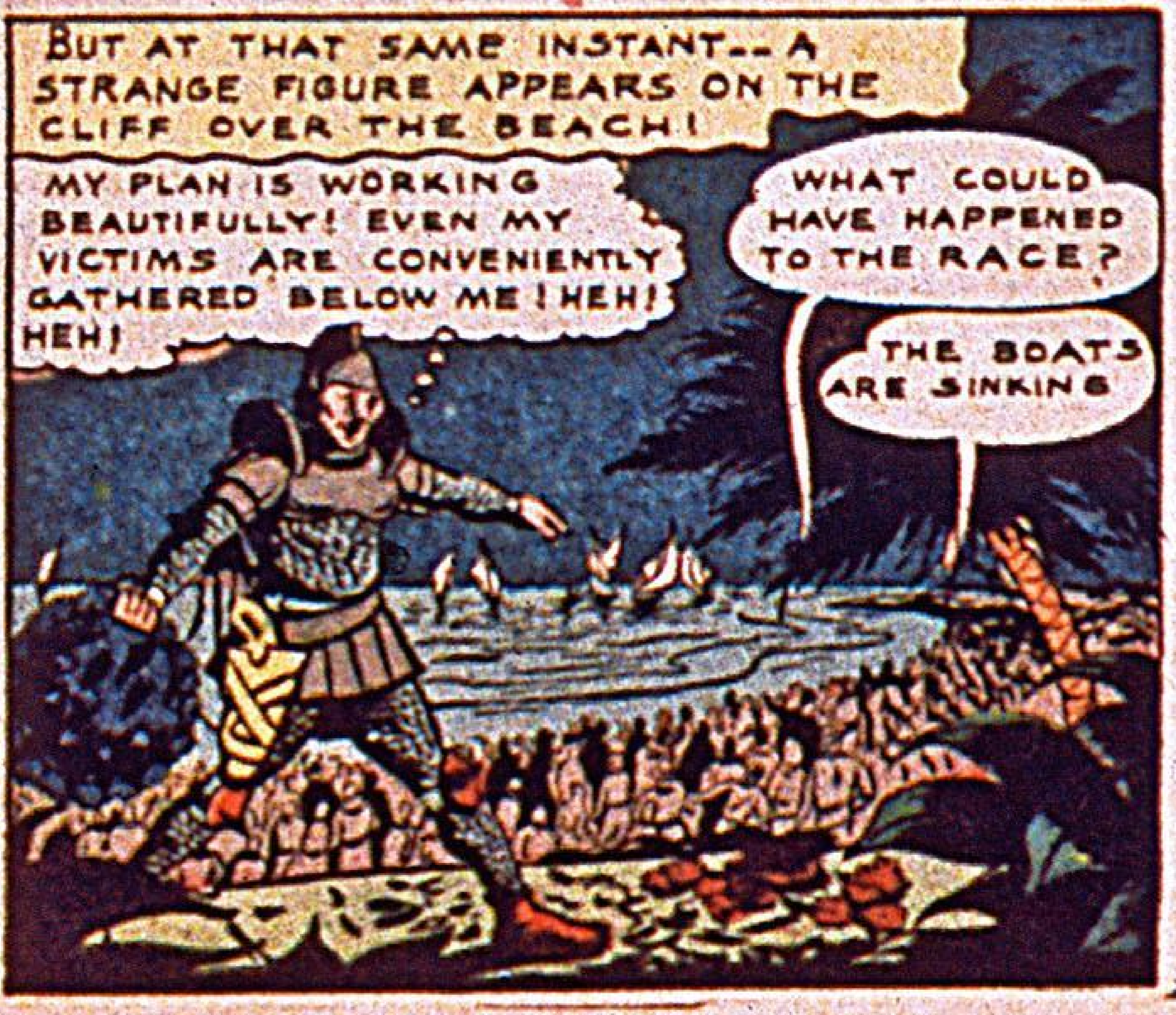
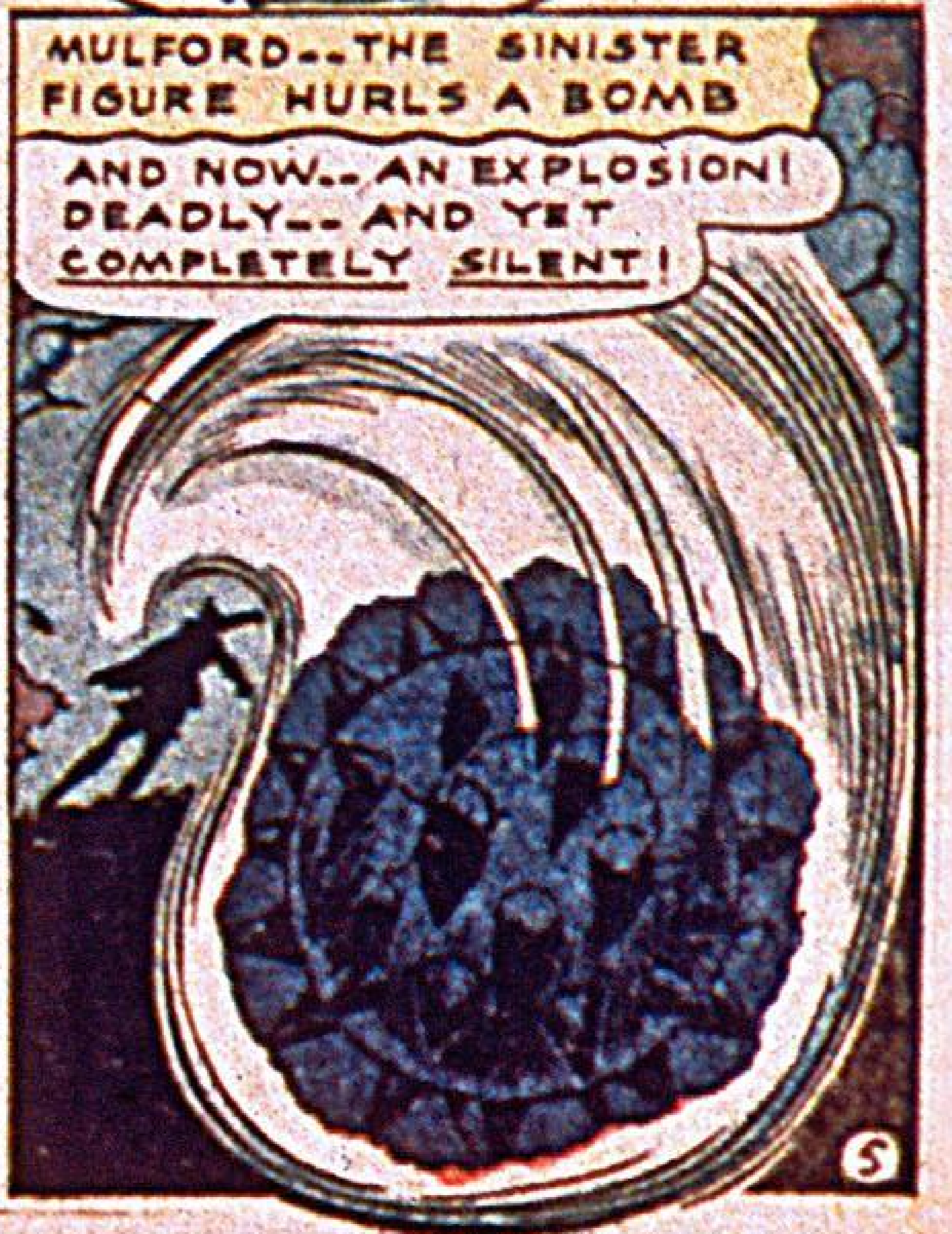
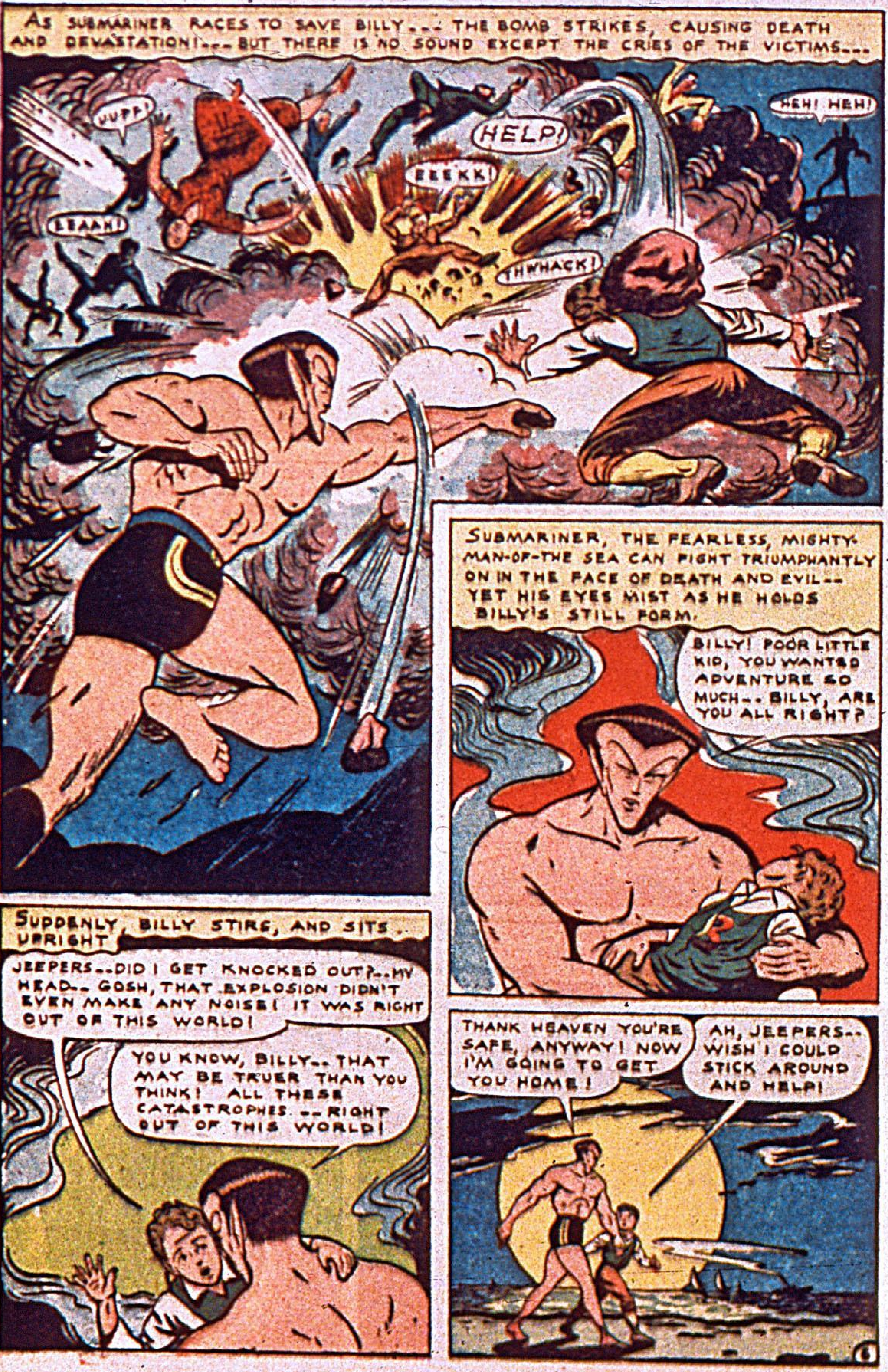

SUBMARINER REACHES ONE OF THE DRIFTING BOATS -- AND LOOKING IN IT, HE FINDS A GHASTLY TERRIFYING SIGHT!
GREAT GARFISH! THIS MAN LOOKS AS THOUGH HE HAD-- JUST MELTED! ALL OF THEM-- THEIR FLESH LOOK LIKE WARM BUTTER!

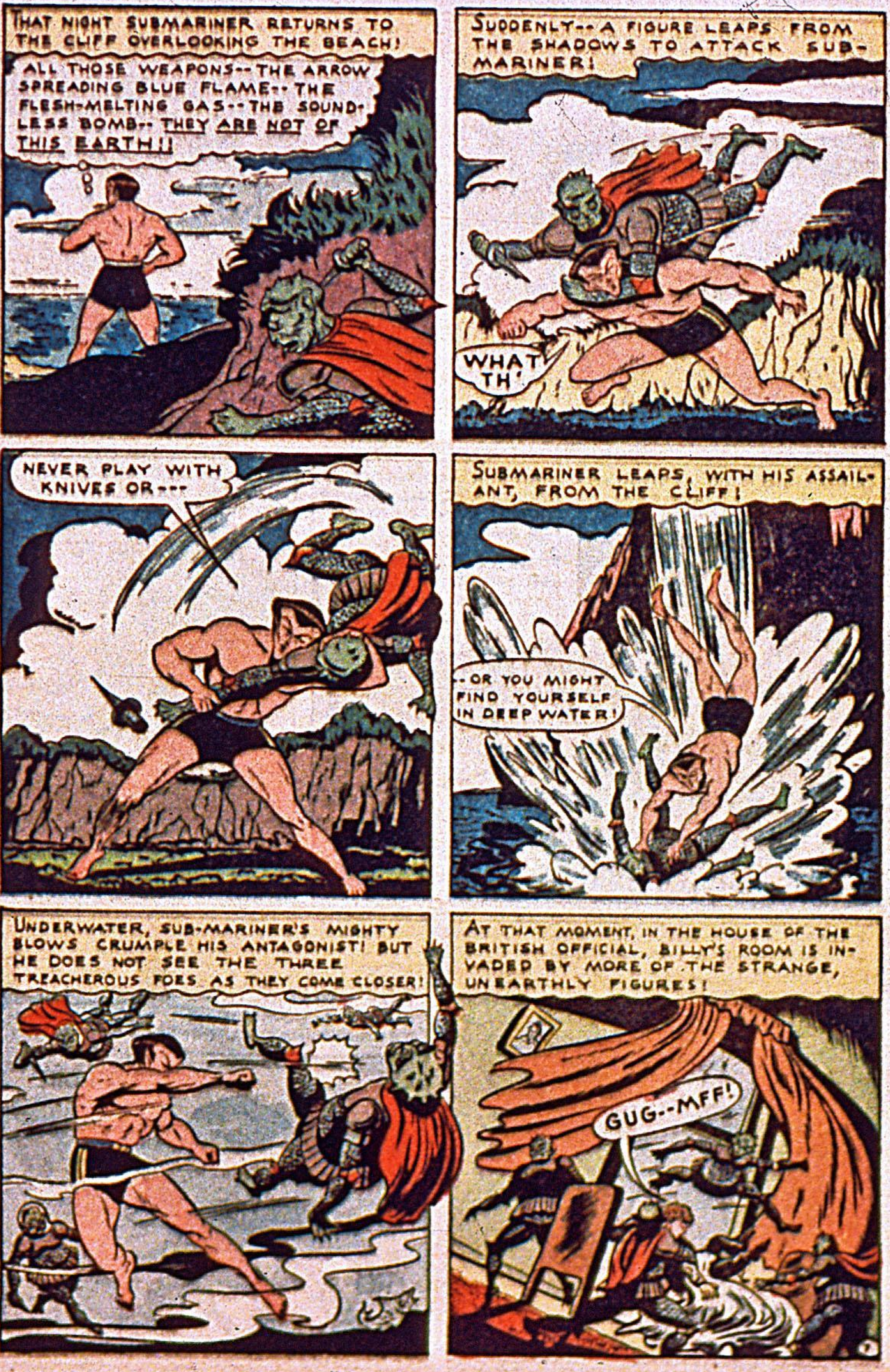

THAT SHAFT, STUCK IN THE BOTTOM OF THE BOAT--- IT LOOKS LIKE A SMALL GAS VENT! SOME GAS OR CHEMICAL THAT BREAKS DOWN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FLESH TISSUE.

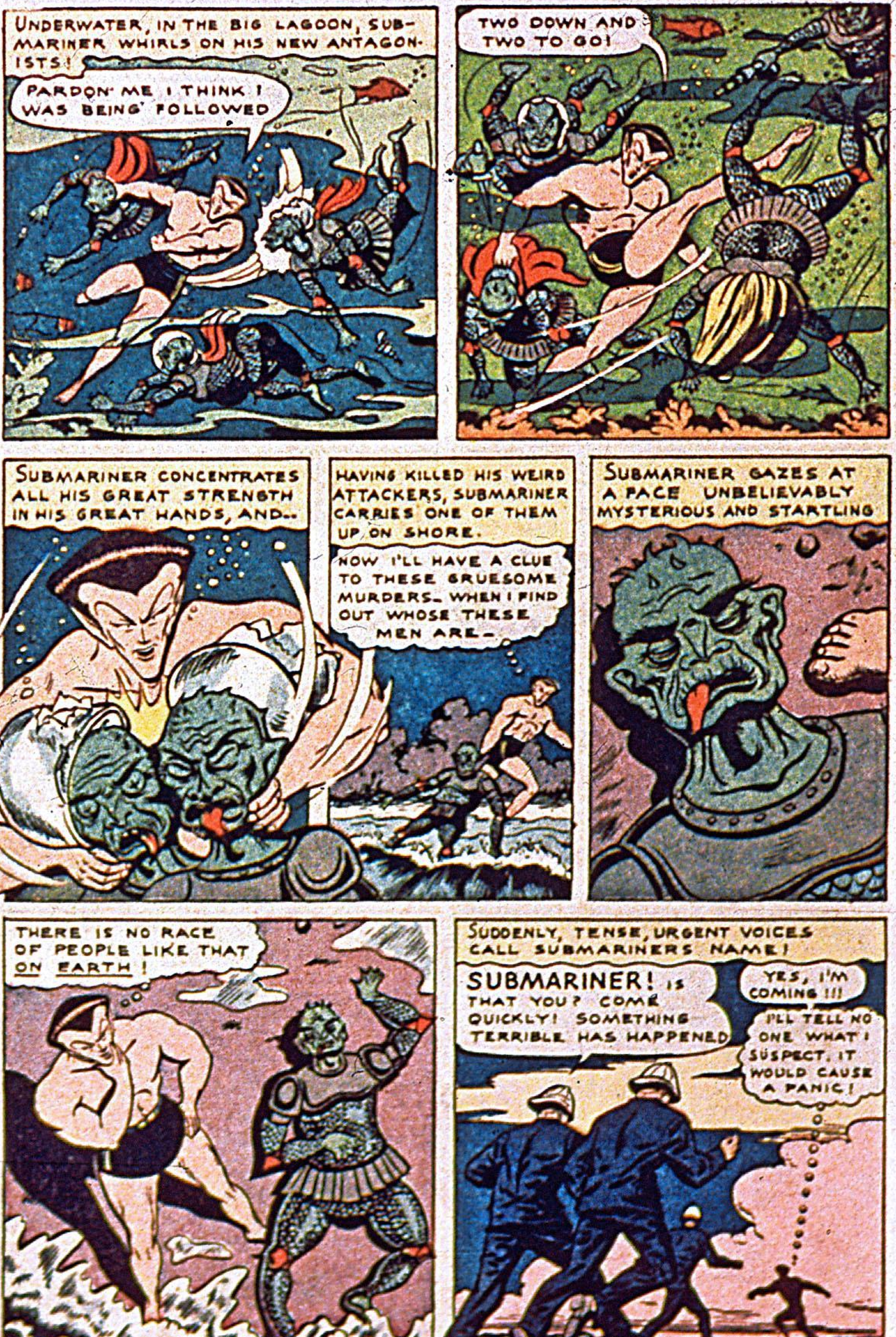

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO FOR THOSE MEN NOW -- EXCEPT AVENGE THEIR HORRIBLE DEATHS BY FIGURING OUT THESE WEIRD THINGS AND STOPPING THEM! FIRST I MUST GET BILLY SAFELY HOME!


BUT AT THAT SAME INSTANT-- A STRANGE FIGURE APPEARS ON THE CLIFF OVER THE BEACH!
MY PLAN IS WORKING BEAUTIFULLY! EVEN MY VICTIMS ARE CONVENIENTLY GATHERED BELOW ME! HEH! HEH!
WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO THE RACE?
THE BOATS ARE SINKING


MULFORD-- THE SINISTER FIGURE HURLS A BOMB
AND NOW-- AN EXPLOSION! DEADLY-- AND YET COMPLETELY SILENT!


AS SUBMARINER RACES TO SAVE BILLY... THE BOMB STRIKES, CAUSING DEATH AND DEVASTATION!... BUT THERE IS NO SOUND EXCEPT THE CRIES OF THE VICTIMS...
UUFF!
HELP!
HEH! HEH!
EEEKK!
EEAAH!
THWHACK!
SUBMARINER, THE FEARLESS, MIGHTY-MAN-OF-THE SEA CAN FIGHT TRIUMPHANTLY ON IN THE FACE OF DEATH AND EVIL -- YET HIS EYES MIST AS HE HOLDS BILLY'S STILL FORM.
BILLY! POOR LITTLE KID, YOU WANTED ADVENTURE SO MUCH.. BILLY, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SUDDENLY, BILLY STIRS, AND SITS UPRIGHT
JEEPERS..DID I GET KNOCKED OUT?..MY HEAD.. GOSH, THAT EXPLOSION DIDN'T EVEN MAKE ANY NOISE! IT WAS RIGHT OUT OF THIS WORLD!
YOU KNOW, BILLY.. THAT MAY BE TRUER THAN YOU THINK! ALL THESE CATASTROPHES -- RIGHT OUT OF THIS WORLD!
THANK HEAVEN YOU'RE SAFE, ANYWAY! NOW I'M GOING TO GET YOU HOME!
AH, JEEPERS.. WISH I COULD STICK AROUND AND HELP!


THAT NIGHT SUBMARINER RETURNS TO THE CLIFF OVERLOOKING THE BEACH!
ALL THOSE WEAPONS-- THE ARROW SPREADING BLUE FLAME-- THE FLESH-MELTING GAS-- THE SOUNDLESS BOMB-- THEY ARE NOT OF THIS EARTH!!
SUDDENLY-- A FIGURE LEAPS FROM THE SHADOWS TO ATTACK SUB-MARINER!
WHAT TH'
NEVER PLAY WITH KNIVES OR---
SUBMARINER LEAPS, WITH HIS ASSAILANT, FROM THE CLIFF!
--OR YOU MIGHT FIND YOURSELF IN DEEP WATER!
UNDERWATER, SUB-MARINER'S MIGHTY BLOWS CRUMPLE HIS ANTAGONIST! BUT HE DOES NOT SEE THE THREE TREACHEROUS FOES AS THEY COME CLOSER!
AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE HOUSE OF THE BRITISH OFFICIAL, BILLY'S ROOM IS INVADED BY MORE OF THE STRANGE, UNEARTHLY FIGURES!
GUG--MFF!


UNDERWATER, IN THE BIG LAGOON, SUB-MARINER WHIRLS ON HIS NEW ANTAGONISTS!
PARDON ME I THINK I WAS BEING FOLLOWED
TWO DOWN AND TWO TO GO!
SUBMARINER CONCENTRATES ALL HIS GREAT STRENGTH IN HIS GREAT HANDS, AND--
HAVING KILLED HIS WEIRD ATTACKERS, SUBMARINER CARRIES ONE OF THEM UP ON SHORE.
NOW I'LL HAVE A CLUE TO THESE GRUESOME MURDERS- WHEN I FIND OUT WHOSE THESE MEN ARE-
SUBMARINER GAZES AT A FACE UNBELIEVABLY MYSTERIOUS AND STARTLING
THERE IS NO RACE OF PEOPLE LIKE THAT ON EARTH!
SUDDENLY, TENSE, URGENT VOICES CALL SUBMARINERS NAME!
SUBMARINER! IS THAT YOU? COME QUICKLY! SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED
YES, I'M COMING!!!
I'LL TELL NO ONE WHAT I SUSPECT. IT WOULD CAUSE A PANIC!
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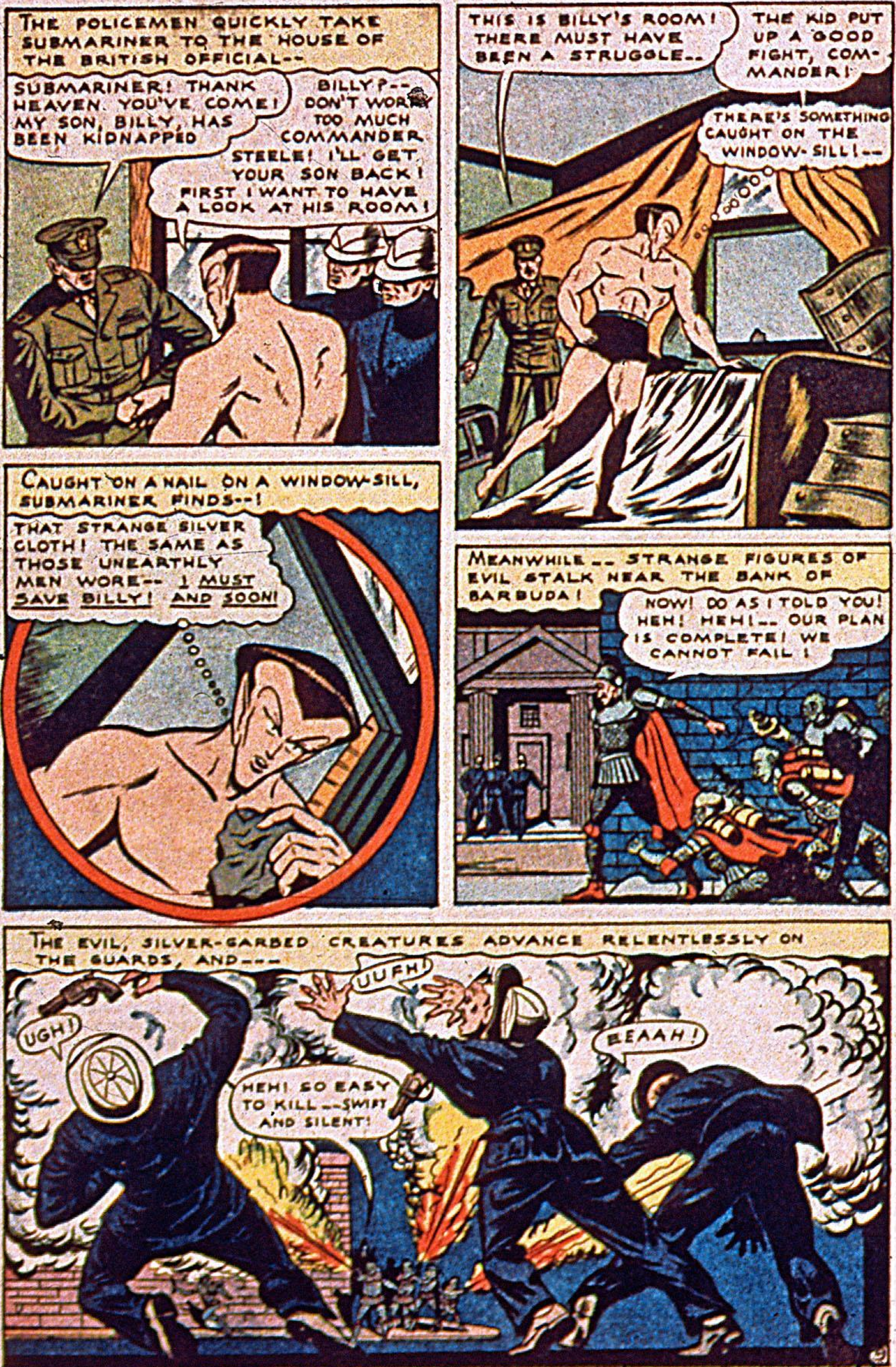
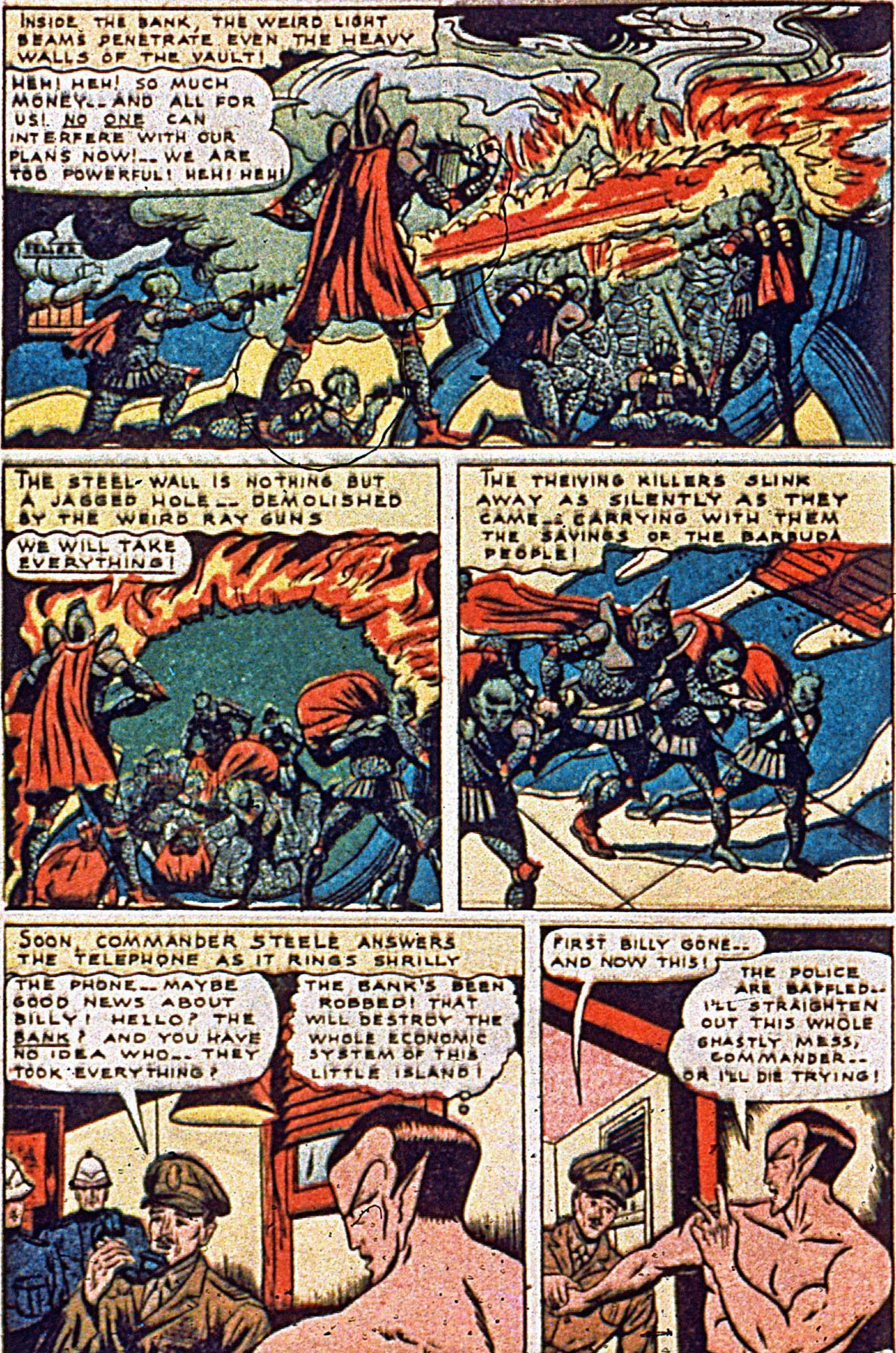
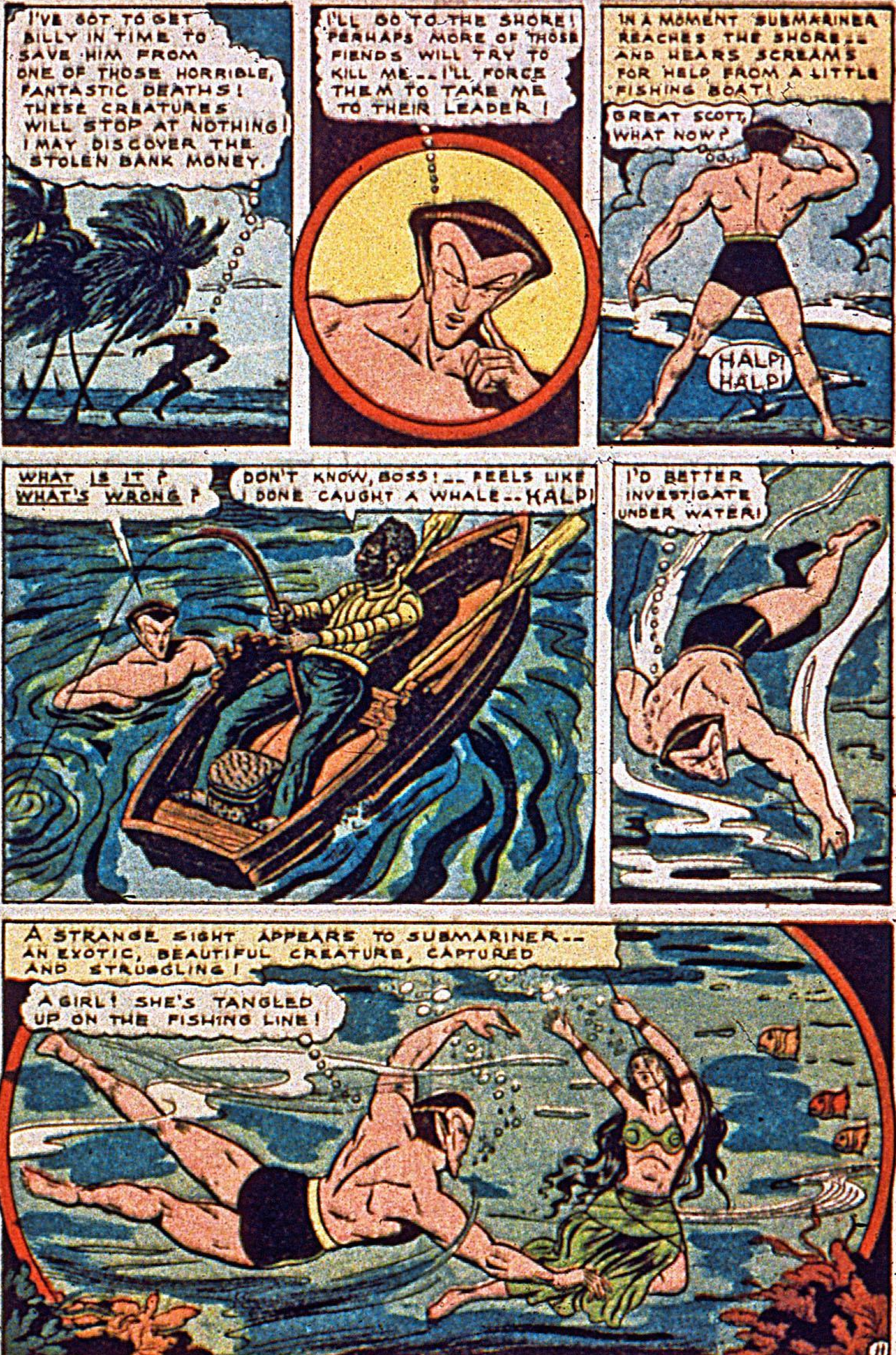
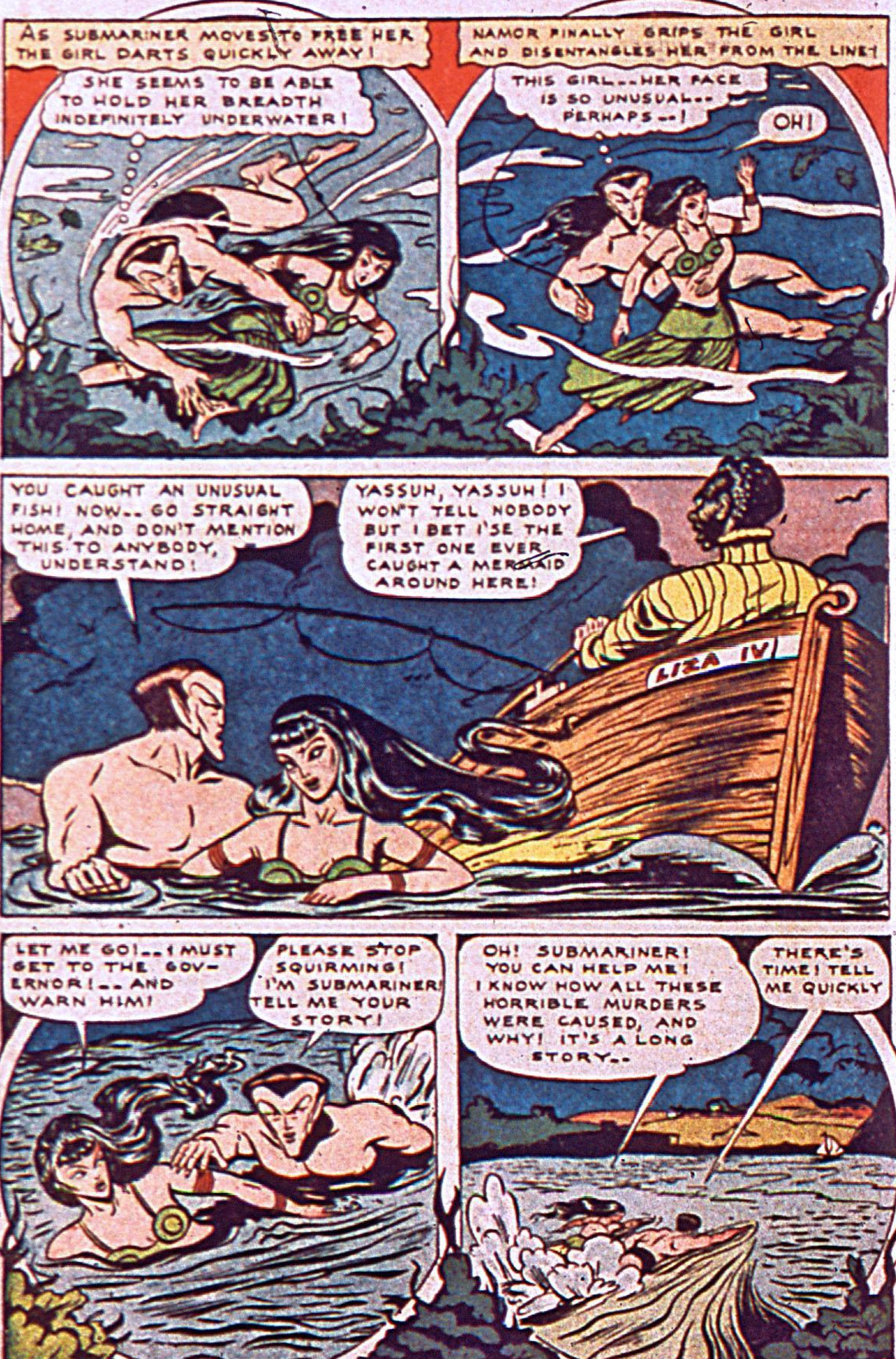
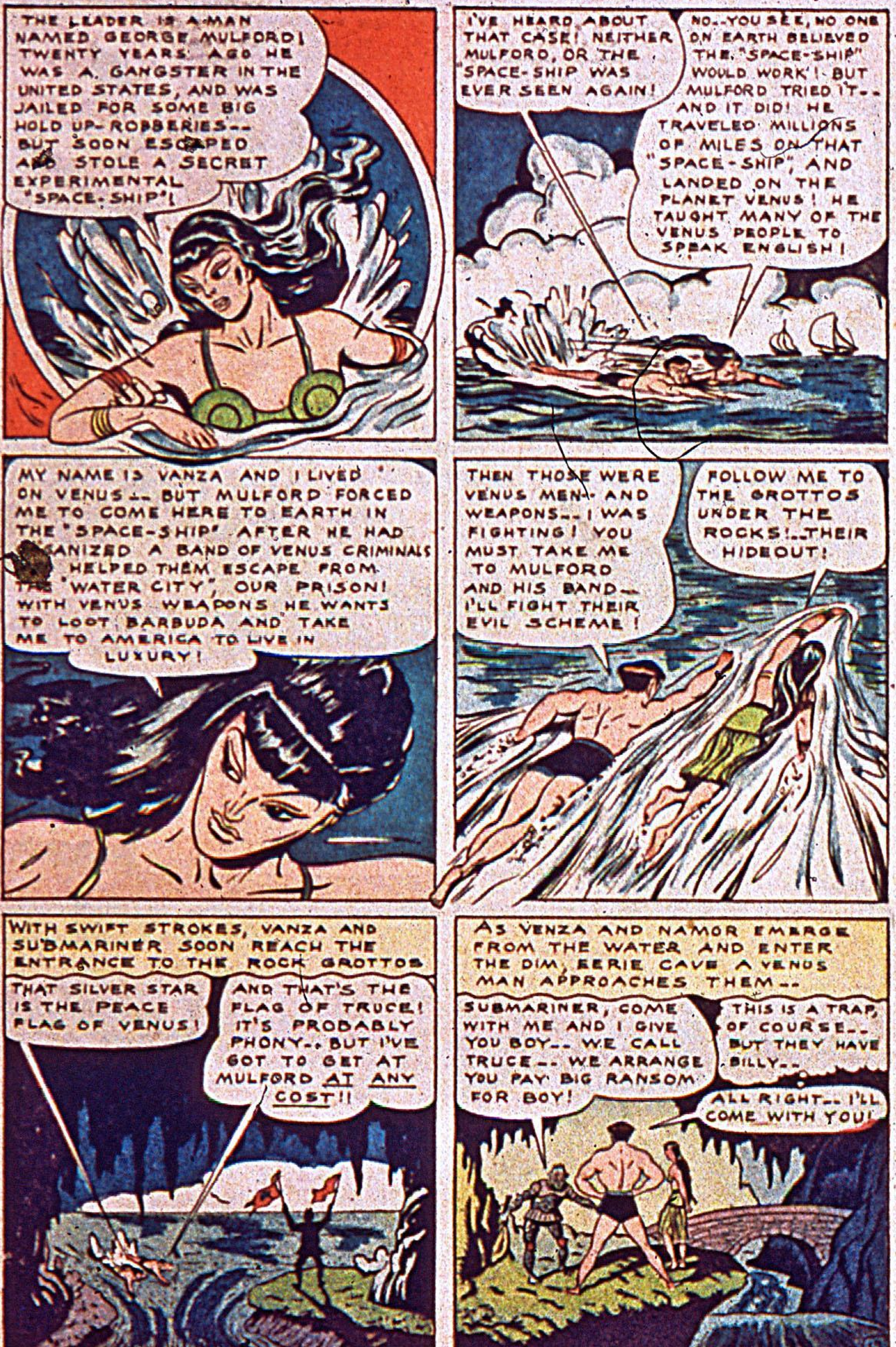
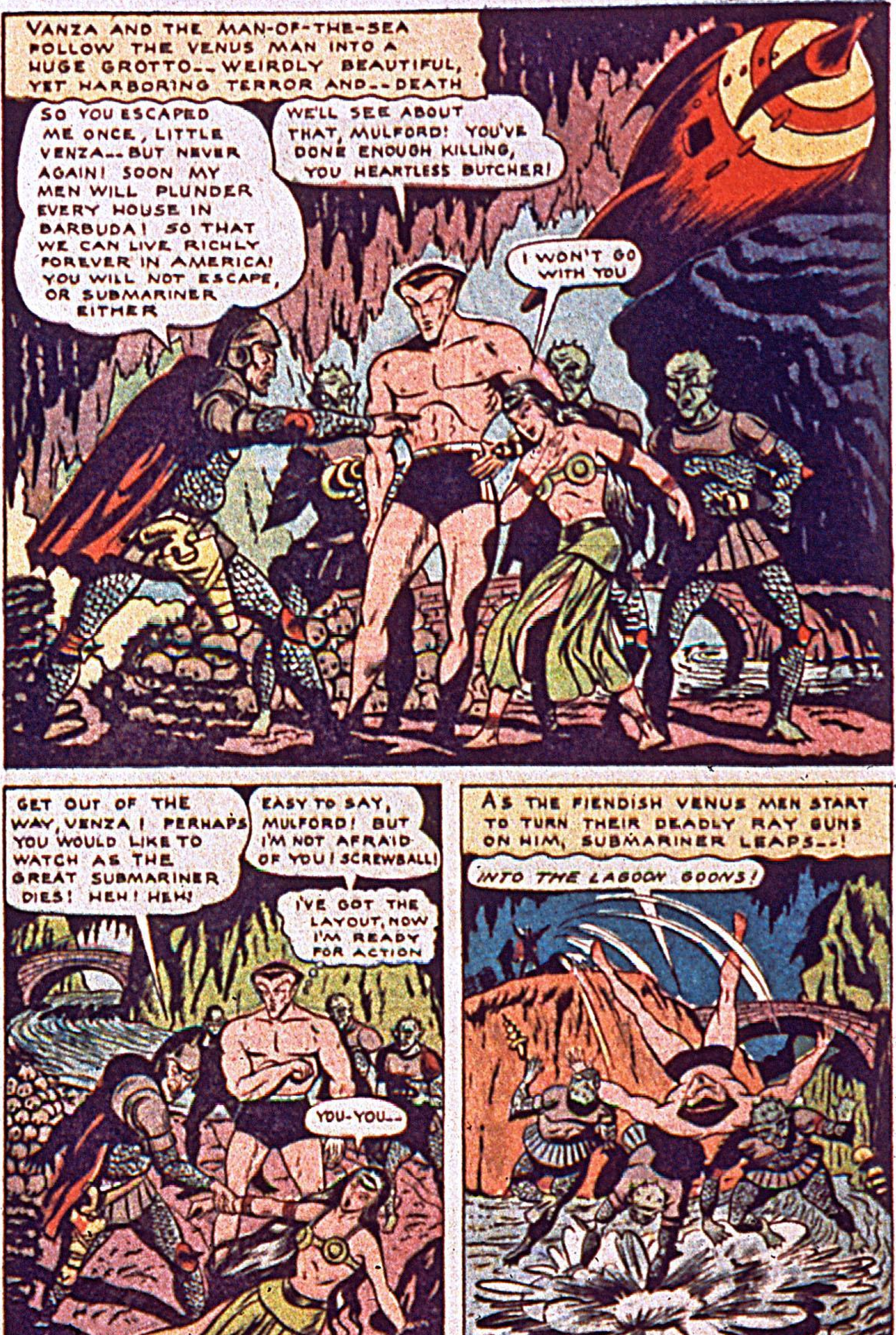

THE POLICEMEN QUICKLY TAKE SUBMARINER TO THE HOUSE OF THE BRITISH OFFICIAL--
SUBMARINER! THANK HEAVEN YOU'VE COME! MY SON, BILLY, HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED
BILLY?-- DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH COMMANDER STEELE! I'LL GET YOUR SON BACK! FIRST I WANT TO HAVE A LOOK AT HIS ROOM!
THIS IS BILLY'S ROOM! THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A STRUGGLE--
THE KID PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT, COMMANDER!
THERE'S SOMETHING CAUGHT ON THE WINDOW-SILL!--
CAUGHT ON A NAIL ON A WINDOW-SILL, SUBMARINER FINDS--!
THAT STRANGE SILVER CLOTH! THE SAME AS THOSE UNEARTHLY MEN WORE-- I MUST SAVE BILLY! AND SOON!
MEANWHILE -- STRANGE FIGURES OF EVIL STALK NEAR THE BANK OF BARBUDA!
NOW! DO AS I TOLD YOU! HEH! HEH!-- OUR PLAN IS COMPLETE! WE CANNOT FAIL!
THE EVIL, SILVER-GARBED CREATURES ADVANCE RELENTLESSLY ON THE GUARDS, AND---
UGH!
UUFH!
EEAAH!
HEH! SO EASY TO KILL --SWIFT AND SILENT!

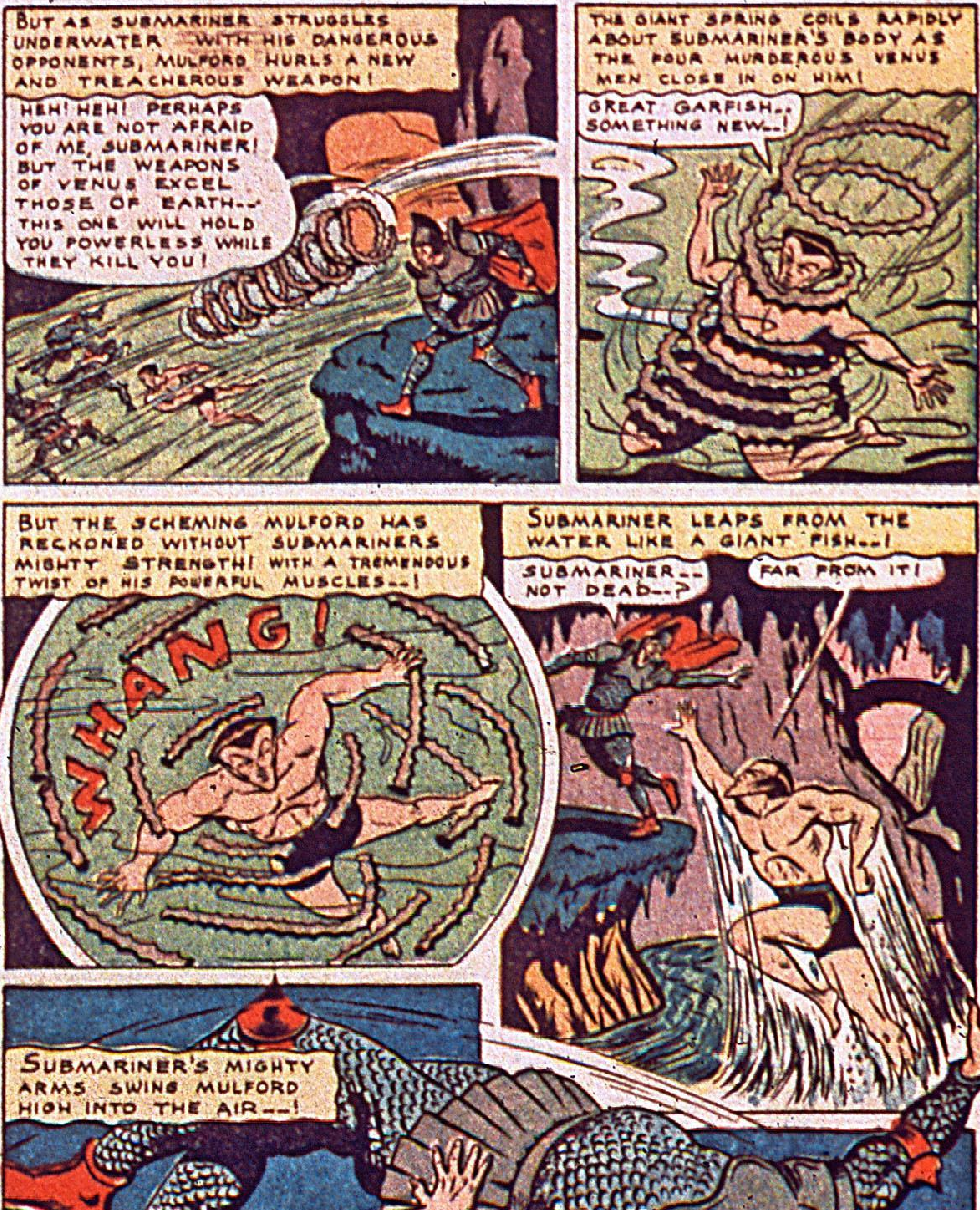

INSIDE THE BANK, THE WEIRD LIGHT BEAMS PENETRATE EVEN THE HEAVY WALLS OF THE VAULT!
HEH! HEH! SO MUCH MONEY-- AND ALL FOR US! NO ONE CAN INTERFERE WITH OUR PLANS NOW!-- WE ARE TOO POWERFUL! HEH! HEH!
TELLER
THE STEEL WALL IS NOTHING BUT A JAGGED HOLE-- DEMOLISHED BY THE WEIRD RAY GUNS
WE WILL TAKE EVERYTHING!
THE THEIVING KILLERS SLINK AWAY AS SILENTLY AS THEY CAME-- CARRYING WITH THEM THE SAVINGS OF THE BARBUDA PEOPLE!
SOON, COMMANDER STEELE ANSWERS THE TELEPHONE AS IT RINGS SHRILLY
THE PHONE-- MAYBE GOOD NEWS ABOUT BILLY! HELLO? THE BANK? AND YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHO-- THEY TOOK EVERYTHING?
THE BANK'S BEEN ROBBED! THAT WILL DESTROY THE WHOLE ECONOMIC SYSTEM OF THIS LITTLE ISLAND!
FIRST BILLY GONE-- AND NOW THIS!
THE POLICE ARE BAFFLED-- I'LL STRAIGHTEN OUT THIS WHOLE GHASTLY MESS, COMMANDER-- OR I'LL DIE TRYING!

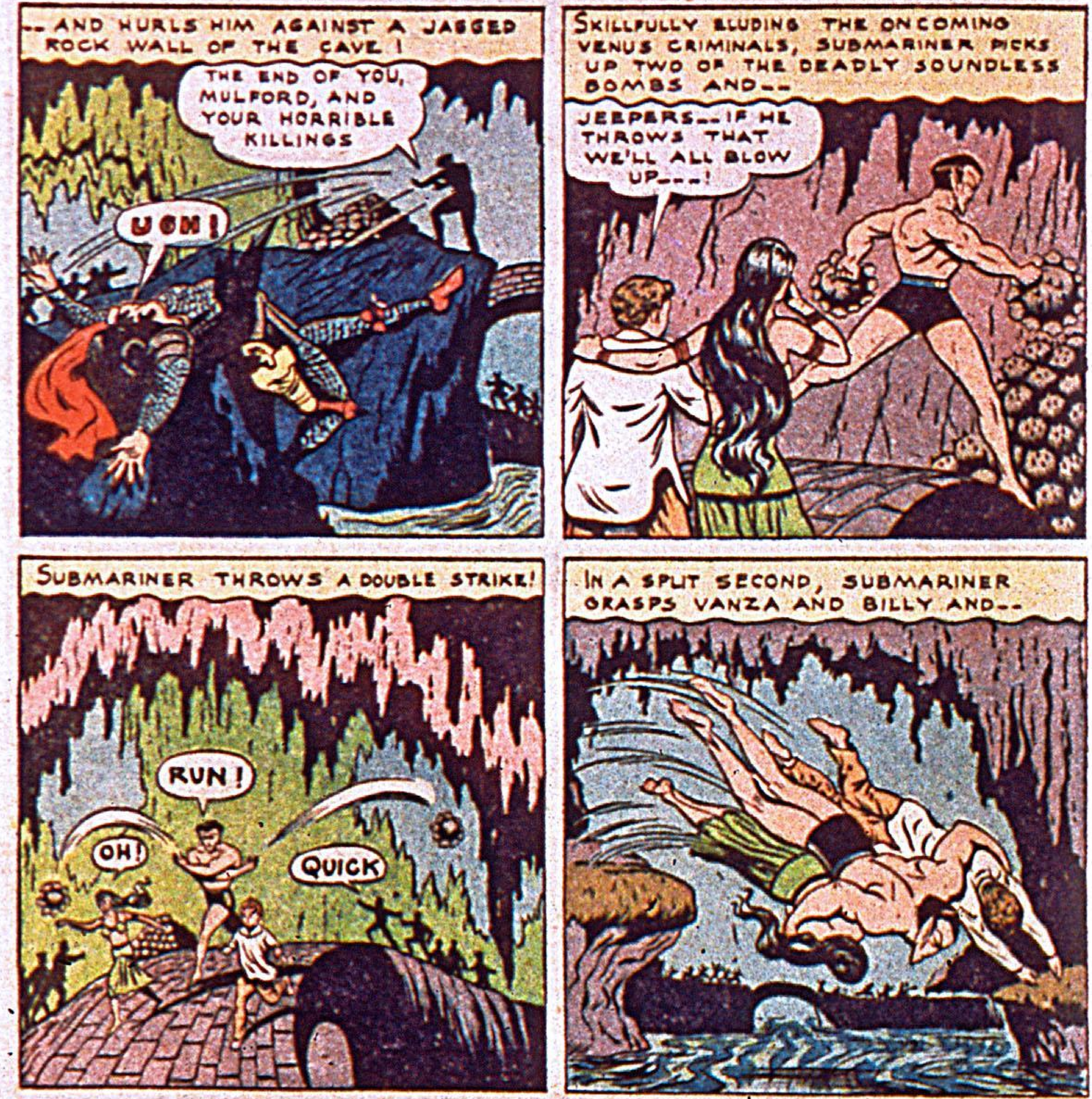

I'VE GOT TO GET BILLY IN TIME TO SAVE HIM FROM ONE OF THOSE HORRIBLE, FANTASTIC DEATHS! THESE CREATURES WILL STOP AT NOTHING! I MAY DISCOVER THE STOLEN BANK MONEY.
I'LL GO TO THE SHORE! PERHAPS MORE OF THOSE FIENDS WILL TRY TO KILL ME -- I'LL FORCE THEM TO TAKE ME TO THEIR LEADER!
IN A MOMENT SUBMARINER REACHES THE SHORE -- AND HEARS SCREAMS FOR HELP FROM A LITTLE FISHING BOAT!
GREAT SCOTT, WHAT NOW?
HALP! HALP!
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG?
DON'T KNOW, BOSS! -- FEELS LIKE I DONE CAUGHT A WHALE -- HALP!
I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE UNDER WATER!
A STRANGE SIGHT APPEARS TO SUBMARINER -- AN EXOTIC, BEAUTIFUL CREATURE, CAPTURED AND STRUGGLING!
A GIRL! SHE'S TANGLED UP ON THE FISHING LINE!


AS SUBMARINER MOVES TO FREE HER THE GIRL DARTS QUICKLY AWAY!
SHE SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO HOLD HER BREADTH INDEFINITELY UNDERWATER!
NAMOR FINALLY GRIPS THE GIRL AND DISENTANGLES HER FROM THE LINE!
THIS GIRL..HER FACE IS SO UNUSUAL.. PERHAPS--!
OH!
YOU CAUGHT AN UNUSUAL FISH! NOW.. GO STRAIGHT HOME, AND DON'T MENTION THIS TO ANYBODY, UNDERSTAND!
YASSUH, YASSUH! I WON'T TELL NOBODY BUT I BET I'SE THE FIRST ONE EVER CAUGHT A MERMAID AROUND HERE!
LIZA IV
LET ME GO!..I MUST GET TO THE GOVERNOR!.. AND WARN HIM!
PLEASE STOP SQUIRMING! I'M SUBMARINER! TELL ME YOUR STORY!
OH! SUBMARINER! YOU CAN HELP ME! I KNOW HOW ALL THESE HORRIBLE MURDERS WERE CAUSED, AND WHY! IT'S A LONG STORY..
THERE'S TIME! TELL ME QUICKLY

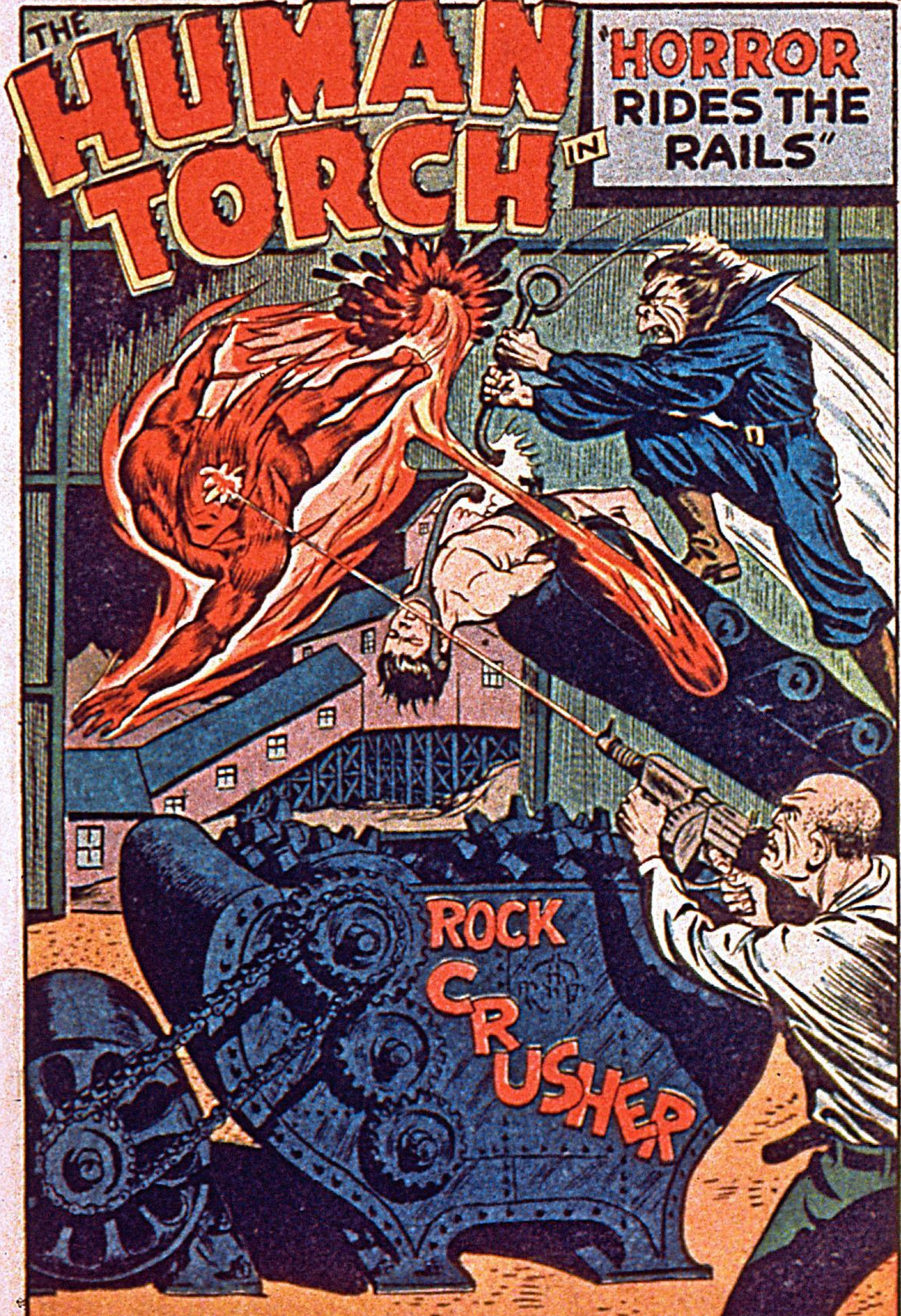

THE LEADER IS A MAN NAMED GEORGE MULFORD! TWENTY YEARS AGO HE WAS A GANGSTER IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WAS JAILED FOR SOME BIG HOLD UP-ROBBERIES-- BUT SOON ESCAPED AND STOLE A SECRET EXPERIMENTAL "SPACE-SHIP"!
I'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT CASE! NEITHER MULFORD, OR THE "SPACE-SHIP" WAS EVER SEEN AGAIN!
NO--YOU SEE, NO ONE ON EARTH BELIEVED THE "SPACE-SHIP" WOULD WORK!-BUT MULFORD TRIED IT-- AND IT DID! HE TRAVELED MILLIONS OF MILES ON THAT "SPACE-SHIP", AND LANDED ON THE PLANET VENUS! HE TAUGHT MANY OF THE VENUS PEOPLE TO SPEAK ENGLISH!
MY NAME IS VANZA AND I LIVED ON VENUS-- BUT MULFORD FORCED ME TO COME HERE TO EARTH IN THE "SPACE-SHIP" AFTER HE HAD ORGANIZED A BAND OF VENUS CRIMINALS [illegible] HELPED THEM ESCAPE FROM THE "WATER CITY", OUR PRISON! WITH VENUS WEAPONS HE WANTS TO LOOT BARBUDA AND TAKE ME TO AMERICA TO LIVE IN LUXURY!
THEN THOSE WERE VENUS MEN-- AND WEAPONS-- I WAS FIGHTING! YOU MUST TAKE ME TO MULFORD AND HIS BAND-- I'LL FIGHT THEIR EVIL SCHEME!
FOLLOW ME TO THE GROTTOS UNDER THE ROCKS!--THEIR HIDEOUT!
WITH SWIFT STROKES, VANZA AND SUBMARINER SOON REACH THE ENTRANCE TO THE ROCK GROTTOS
THAT SILVER STAR IS THE PEACE FLAG OF VENUS!
AND THAT'S THE FLAG OF TRUCE! IT'S PROBABLY PHONY-- BUT I'VE GOT TO GET AT MULFORD AT ANY COST!!
AS VENZA AND NAMOR EMERGE FROM THE WATER AND ENTER THE DIM, EERIE CAVE A VENUS MAN APPROACHES THEM--
SUBMARINER, COME WITH ME AND I GIVE YOU BOY-- WE CALL TRUCE-- WE ARRANGE YOU PAY BIG RANSOM FOR BOY!
THIS IS A TRAP, OF COURSE-- BUT THEY HAVE BILLY--
ALL RIGHT-- I'LL COME WITH YOU!

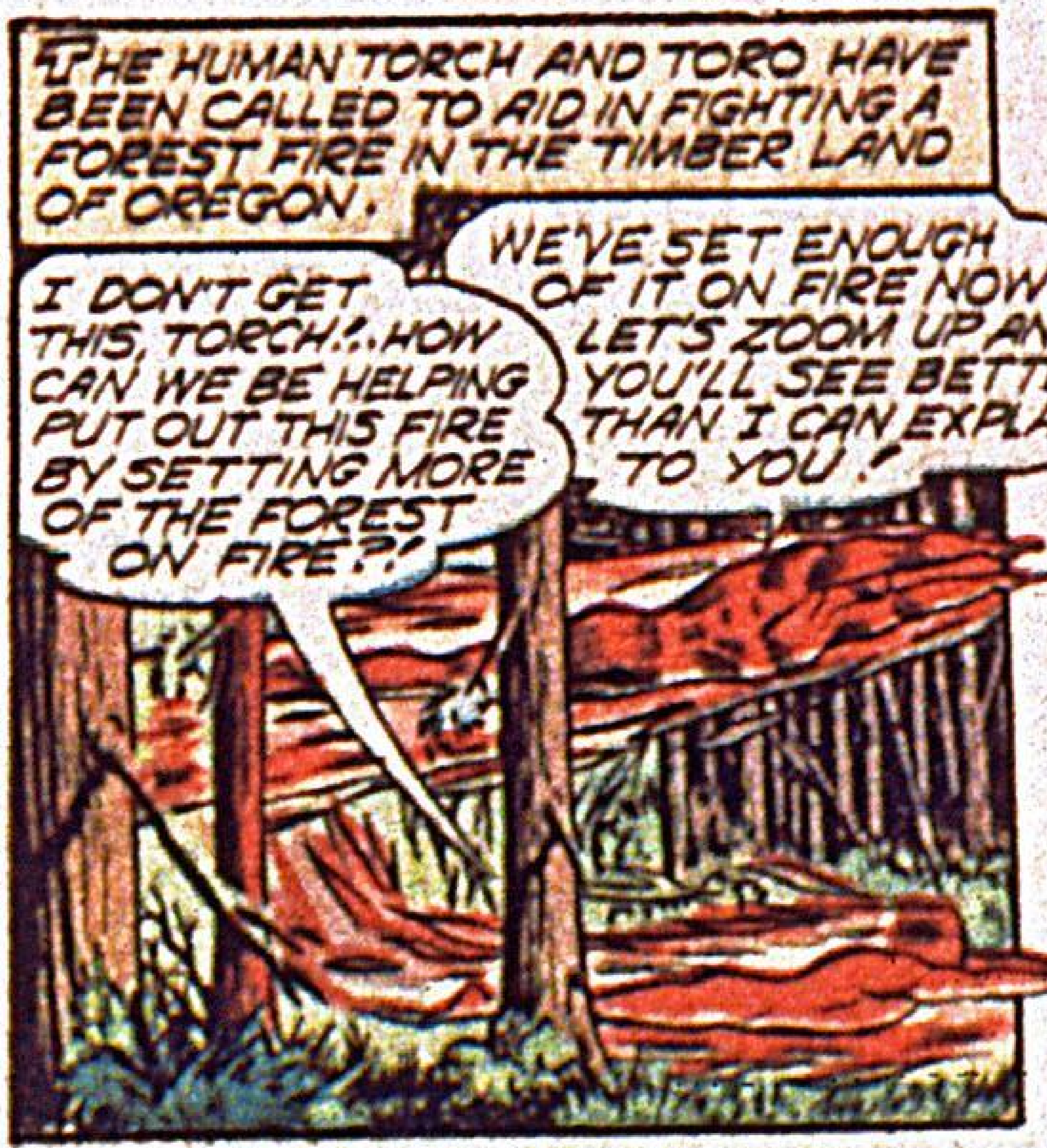

VANZA AND THE MAN-OF-THE-SEA FOLLOW THE VENUS MAN INTO A HUGE GROTTO-- WEIRDLY BEAUTIFUL, YET HARBORING TERROR AND--DEATH
SO YOU ESCAPED ME ONCE, LITTLE VENZA-- BUT NEVER AGAIN! SOON MY MEN WILL PLUNDER EVERY HOUSE IN BARBUDA! SO THAT WE CAN LIVE RICHLY FOREVER IN AMERICA! YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE, OR SUBMARINER EITHER
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT, MULFORD! YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH KILLING, YOU HEARTLESS BUTCHER!
I WON'T GO WITH YOU
GET OUT OF THE WAY, VENZA! PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO WATCH AS THE GREAT SUBMARINER DIES! HEH! HEH!
EASY TO SAY, MULFORD! BUT I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU! SCREWBALL!
I'VE GOT THE LAYOUT, NOW I'M READY FOR ACTION
YOU-YOU--
AS THE FIENDISH VENUS MEN START TO TURN THEIR DEADLY RAY GUNS ON HIM, SUBMARINER LEAPS--!
INTO THE LAGOON GOONS!

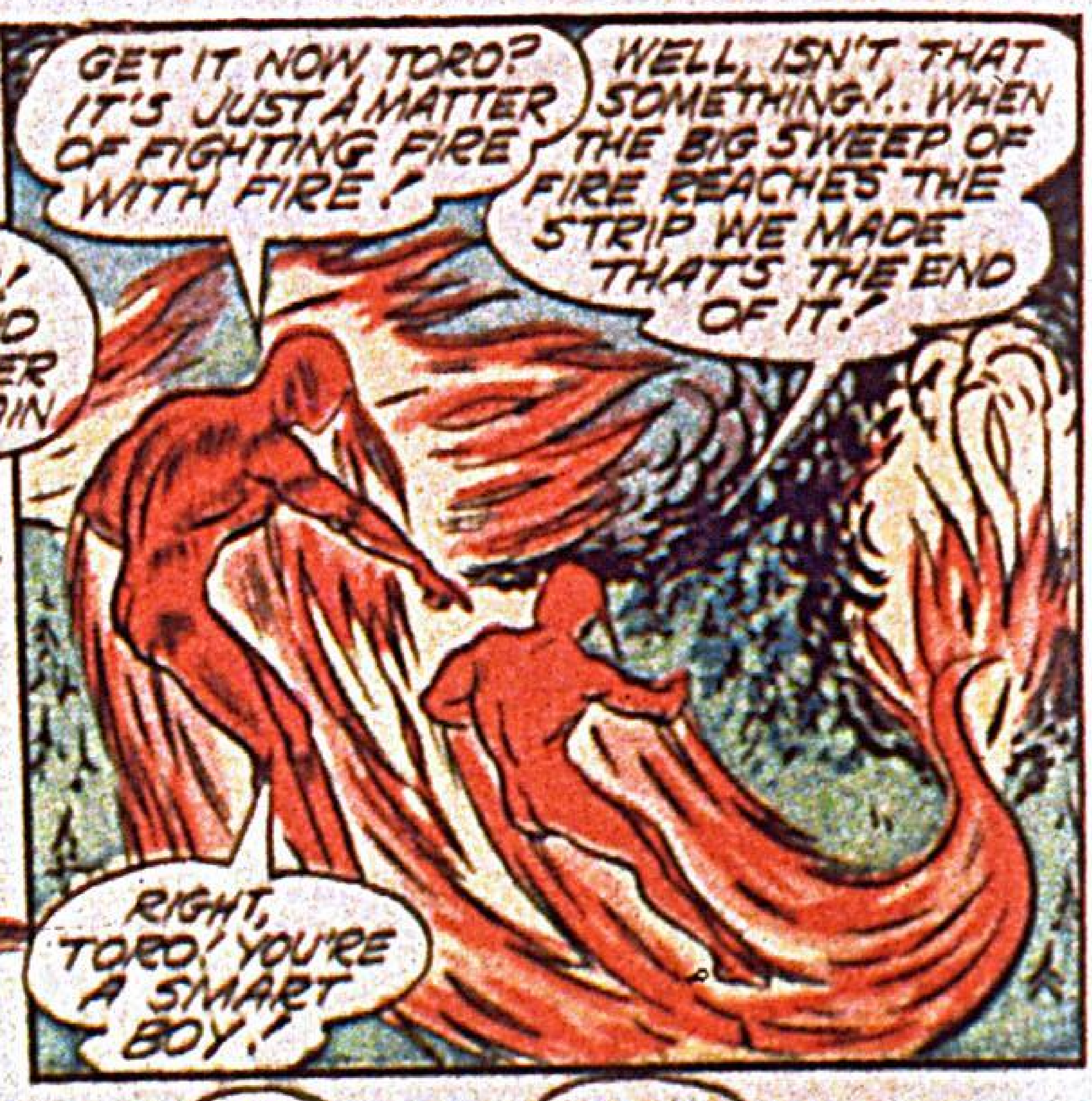

BUT AS SUBMARINER STRUGGLES UNDERWATER WITH HIS DANGEROUS OPPONENTS, MULFORD HURLS A NEW AND TREACHEROUS WEAPON!
HEH! HEH! PERHAPS YOU ARE NOT AFRAID OF ME, SUBMARINER! BUT THE WEAPONS OF VENUS EXCEL THOSE OF EARTH-- THIS ONE WILL HOLD YOU POWERLESS WHILE THEY KILL YOU!
THE GIANT SPRING COILS RAPIDLY ABOUT SUBMARINER'S BODY AS THE FOUR MURDEROUS VENUS MEN CLOSE IN ON HIM!
GREAT GARFISH.. SOMETHING NEW..!
BUT THE SCHEMING MULFORD HAS RECKONED WITHOUT SUBMARINERS MIGHTY STRENGTH! WITH A TREMENDOUS TWIST OF HIS POWERFUL MUSCLES--!
WHANG!
SUBMARINER LEAPS FROM THE WATER LIKE A GIANT FISH--!
SUBMARINER-- NOT DEAD--?
FAR FROM IT!
SUBMARINER'S MIGHTY ARMS SWING MULFORD HIGH INTO THE AIR--!
I HAVE NO PITY FOR A RUTHLESS MURDERER

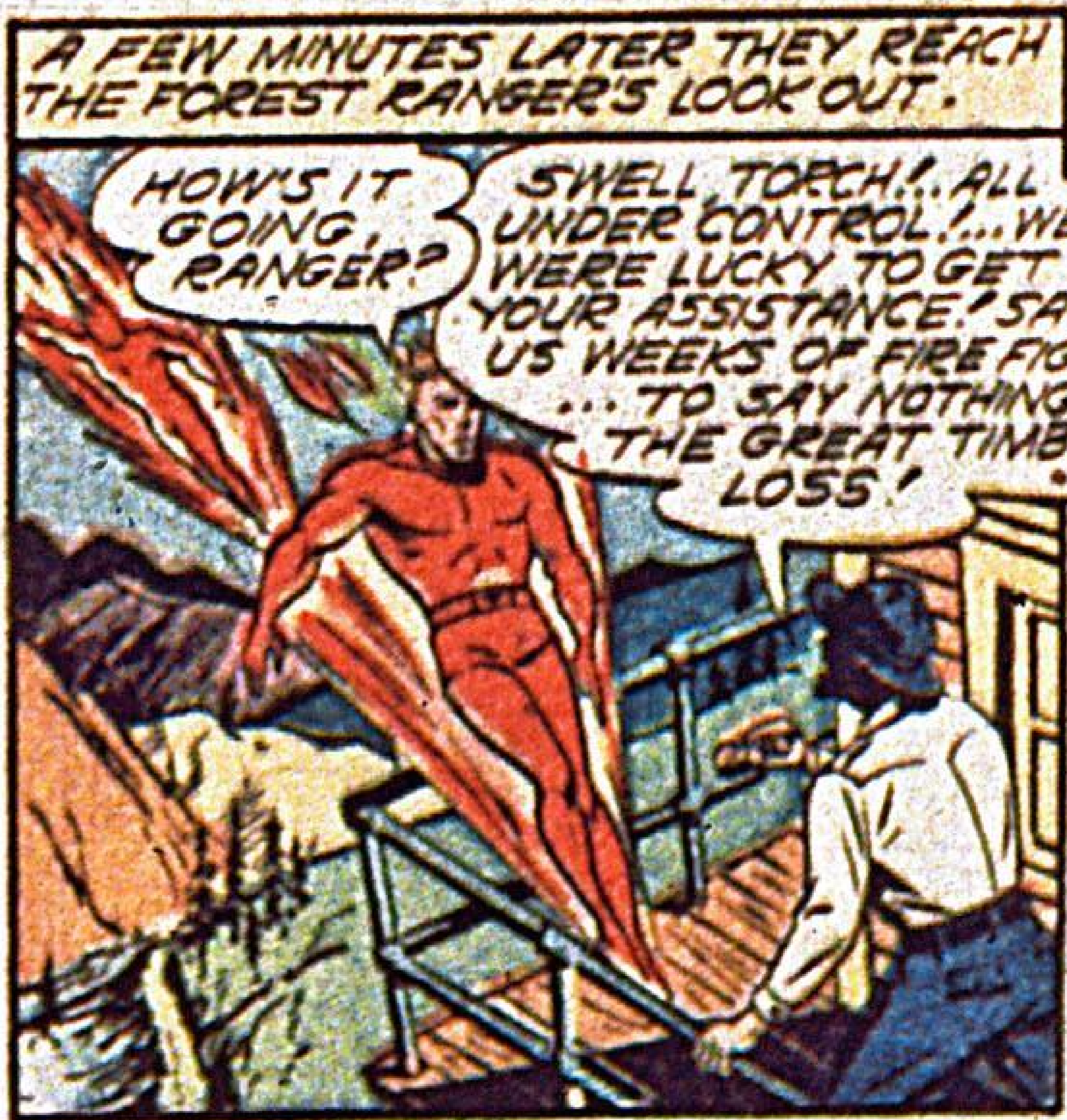

-- AND HURLS HIM AGAINST A JAGGED ROCK WALL OF THE CAVE!
THE END OF YOU, MULFORD, AND YOUR HORRIBLE KILLINGS
UGH!
SKILLFULLY ELUDING THE ONCOMING VENUS CRIMINALS, SUBMARINER PICKS UP TWO OF THE DEADLY SOUNDLESS BOMBS AND--
JEEPERS -- IF HE THROWS THAT WE'LL ALL BLOW UP---!
SUBMARINER THROWS A DOUBLE STRIKE!
RUN!
OH!
QUICK
IN A SPLIT SECOND, SUBMARINER GRASPS VANZA AND BILLY AND--
THE BOMBS EXPLODE -- AND ITS EVIL CREATORS DIE AS THE FALLING ROCKS BURY THEM FOREVER!
IT WAS ALL SO-- TERRIFYING
BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW. YOU ARE BOTH SAFE, AND BARBUDA IS SAFE! THINK OF NOTHING ELSE!
JEEPERS! IT WAS EXCITIN'
The End

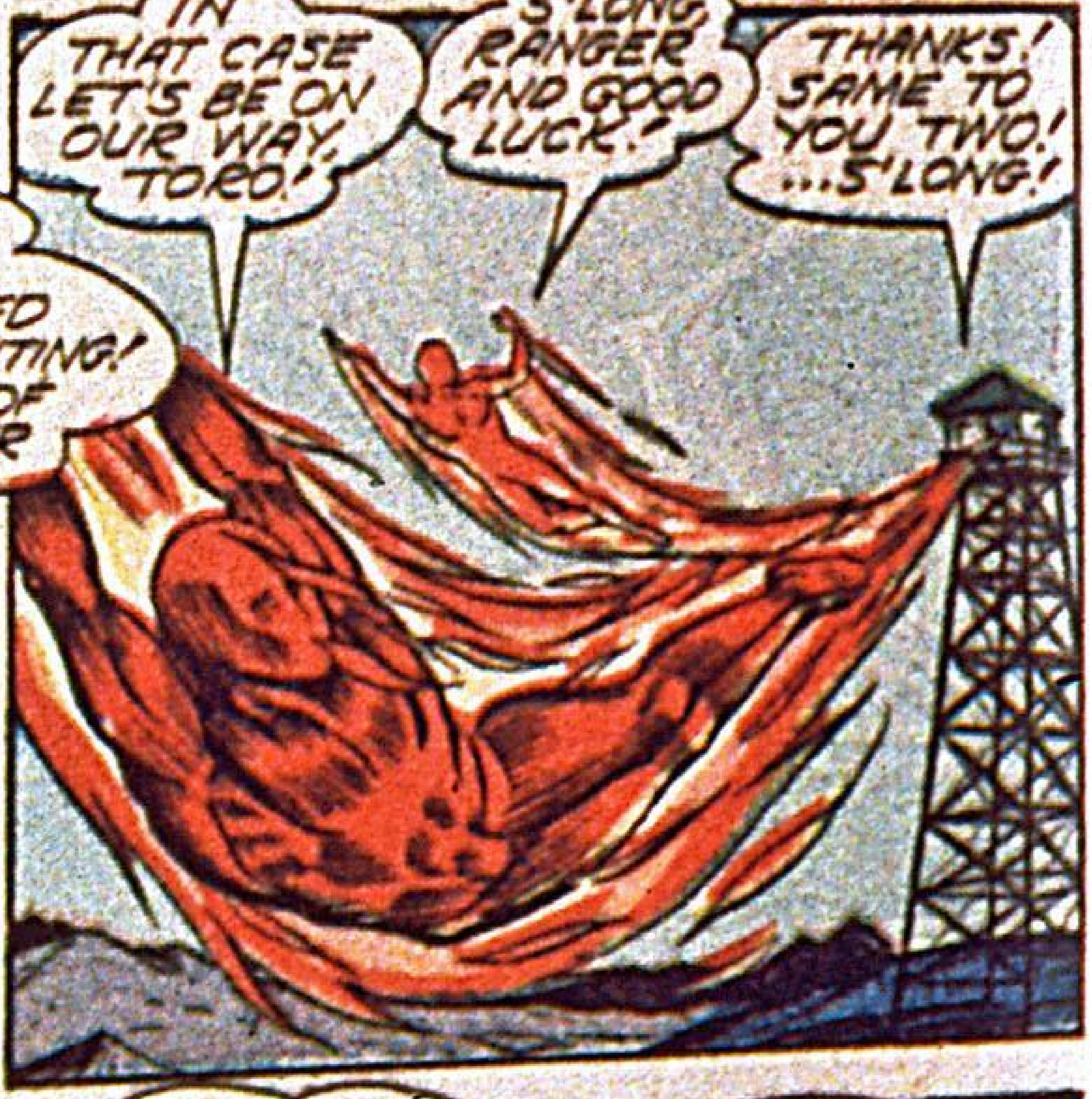
THE HUMAN TORCH IN "HORROR RIDES THE RAILS"

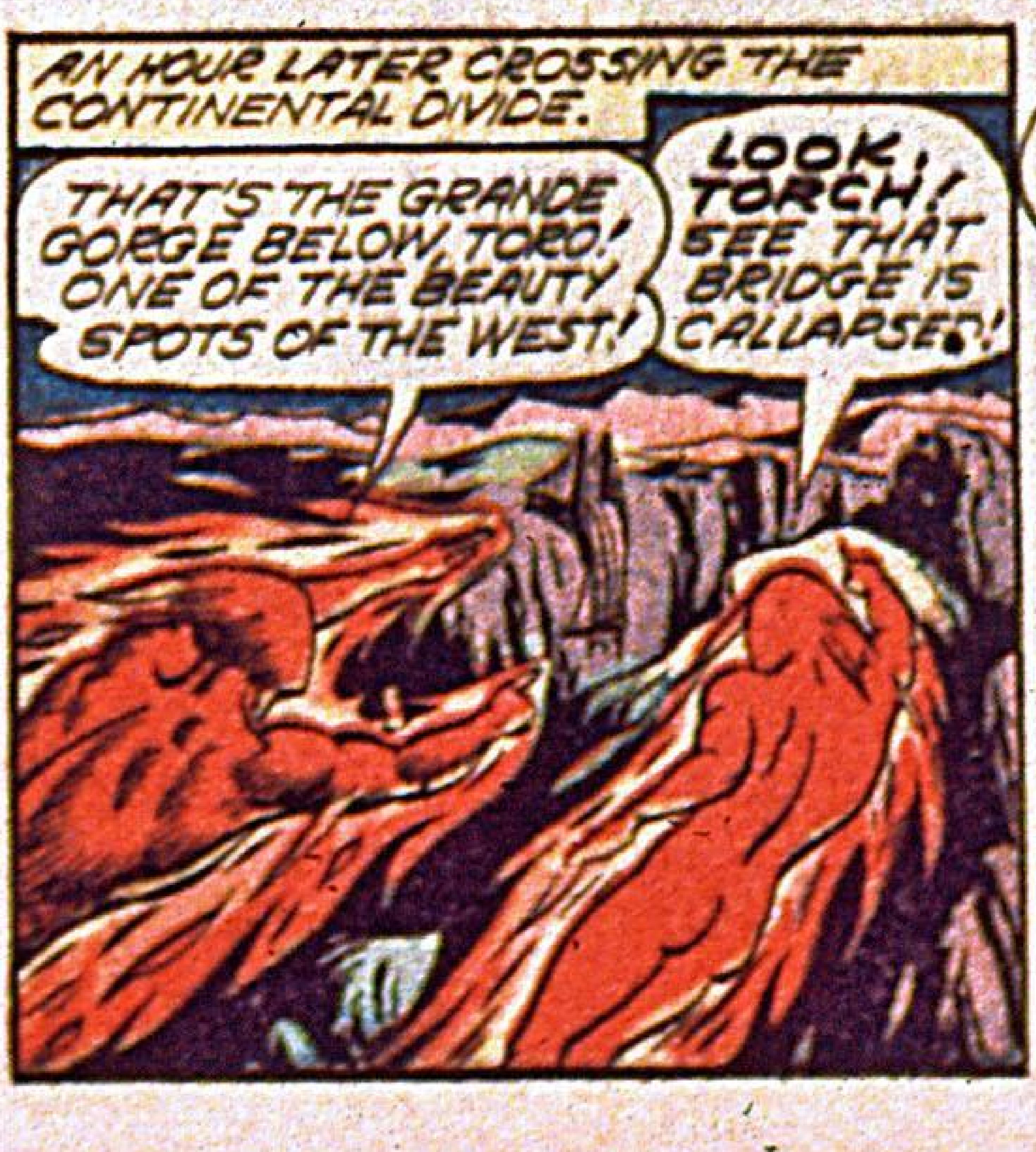

ROCK CRUSHER

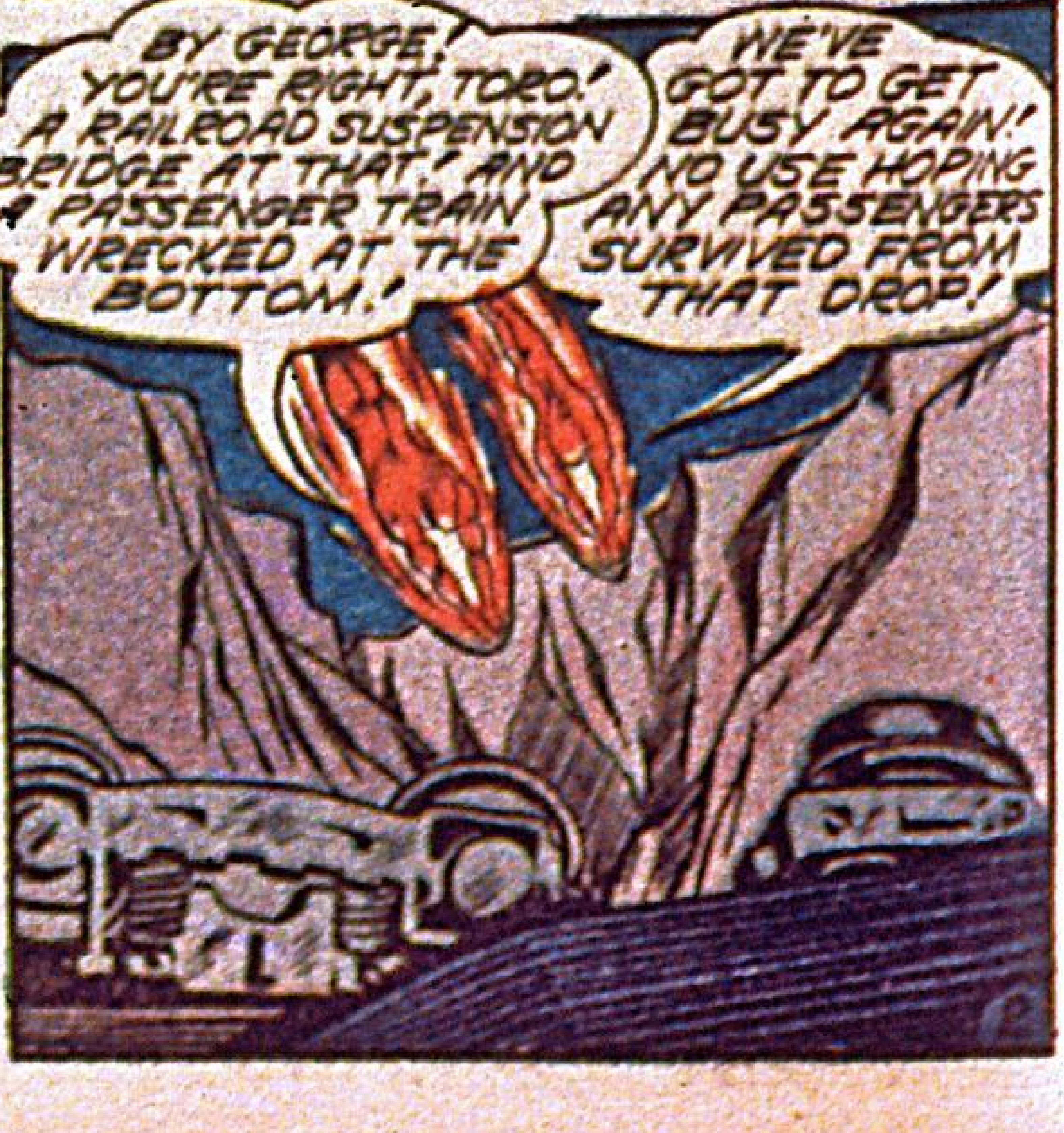

THE HUMAN TORCH AND TORO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO AID IN FIGHTING A FOREST FIRE IN THE TIMBER LAND OF OREGON.
I DON'T GET THIS, TORCH!..HOW CAN WE BE HELPING PUT OUT THIS FIRE BY SETTING MORE OF THE FOREST ON FIRE?!
WE'VE SET ENOUGH OF IT ON FIRE NOW! LET'S ZOOM UP AND YOU'LL SEE BETTER THAN I CAN EXPLAIN TO YOU!

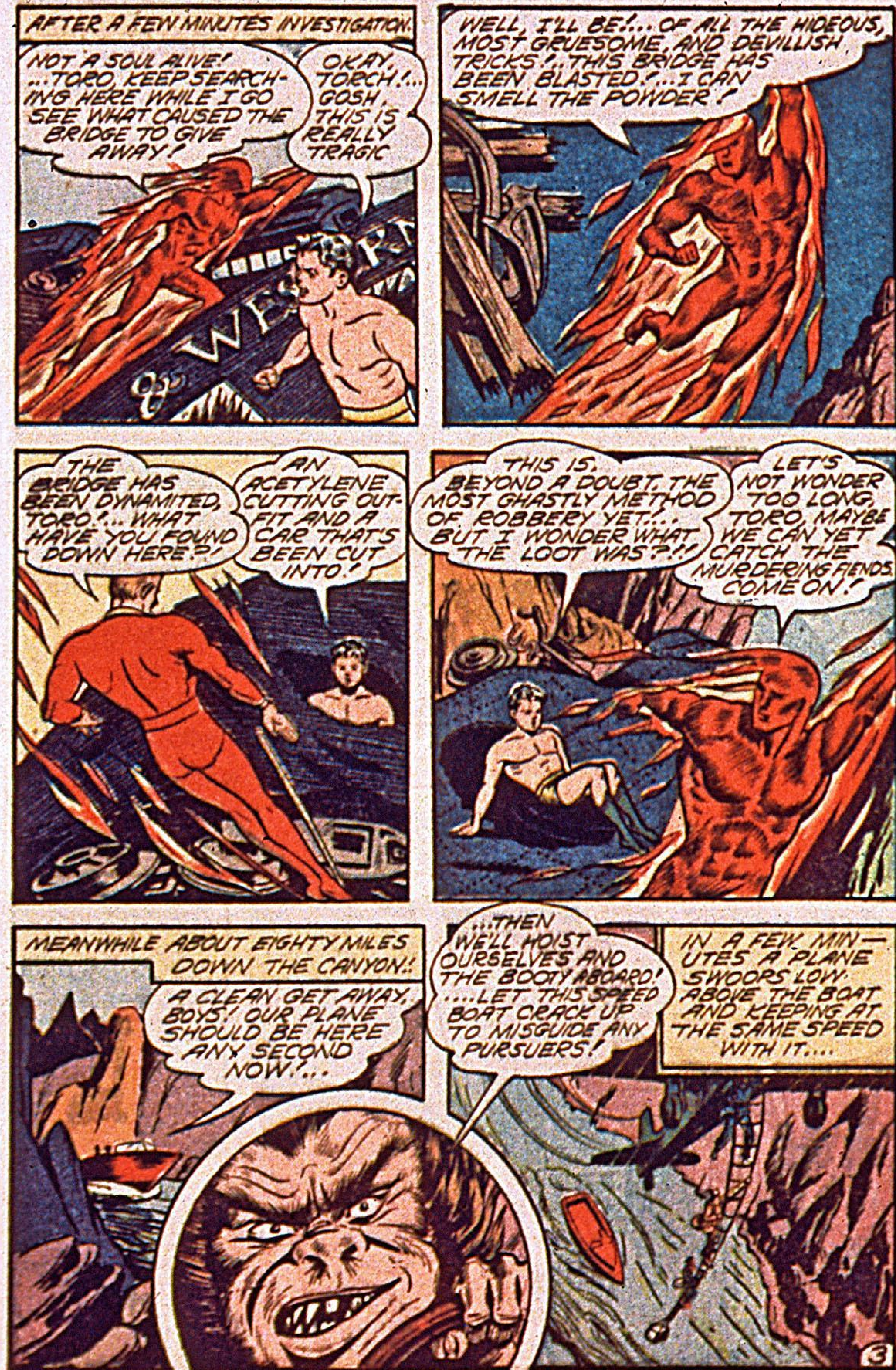

GET IT NOW, TORO? IT'S JUST A MATTER OF FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE!
WELL, ISN'T THAT SOMETHING!.. WHEN THE BIG SWEEP OF FIRE REACHES THE STRIP WE MADE THAT'S THE END OF IT!
RIGHT, TORO! YOU'RE A SMART BOY!


A FEW MINUTES LATER THEY REACH THE FOREST RANGER'S LOOK OUT.
HOW'S IT GOING, RANGER?
SWELL TORCH!..ALL UNDER CONTROL!...WE WERE LUCKY TO GET YOUR ASSISTANCE! SAVED US WEEKS OF FIRE FIGHTING! ...TO SAY NOTHING OF THE GREAT TIMBER LOSS!


IN THAT CASE LET'S BE ON OUR WAY, TORO!
S'LONG RANGER AND GOOD LUCK!
THANKS! SAME TO YOU TWO! ...S'LONG!


AN HOUR LATER CROSSING THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE.
THAT'S THE GRANDE GORGE BELOW, TORO! ONE OF THE BEAUTY SPOTS OF THE WEST!
LOOK, TORCH! SEE THAT BRIDGE IS CALLAPSED!


BY GEORGE! YOU'RE RIGHT, TORO! A RAILROAD SUSPENSION BRIDGE AT THAT! AND A PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED AT THE BOTTOM!
WE'VE GOT TO GET BUSY AGAIN! NO USE HOPING ANY PASSENGERS SURVIVED FROM THAT DROP!


AFTER A FEW MINUTES INVESTIGATION.
NOT A SOUL ALIVE! ...TORO, KEEP SEARCHING HERE WHILE I GO SEE WHAT CAUSED THE BRIDGE TO GIVE AWAY!
OKAY, TORCH!... GOSH, THIS IS REALLY TRAGIC
WES
WELL, I'LL BE!... OF ALL THE HIDEOUS, MOST GRUESOME, AND DEVILLISH TRICKS!.. THIS BRIDGE HAS BEEN BLASTED!... I CAN SMELL THE POWDER!
THE BRIDGE HAS BEEN DYNAMITED, TORO!... WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND DOWN HERE?!
AN ACETYLENE CUTTING OUTFIT AND A CAR THAT'S BEEN CUT INTO!
THIS IS, BEYOND A DOUBT, THE MOST GHASTLY METHOD OF ROBBERY YET!.. BUT I WONDER WHAT THE LOOT WAS?!!
LET'S NOT WONDER TOO LONG, TORO, MAYBE WE CAN YET CATCH THE MURDERING FIENDS. COME ON!
MEANWHILE ABOUT EIGHTY MILES DOWN THE CANYON!
A CLEAN GET AWAY, BOYS! OUR PLANE SHOULD BE HERE ANY SECOND NOW!...
...THEN WE'LL HOIST OURSELVES AND THE BOOTY ABOARD! ...LET THIS SPEED BOAT CRACK UP TO MISGUIDE ANY PURSUERS!
IN A FEW MINUTES A PLANE SWOOPS LOW ABOVE THE BOAT AND KEEPING AT THE SAME SPEED WITH IT....
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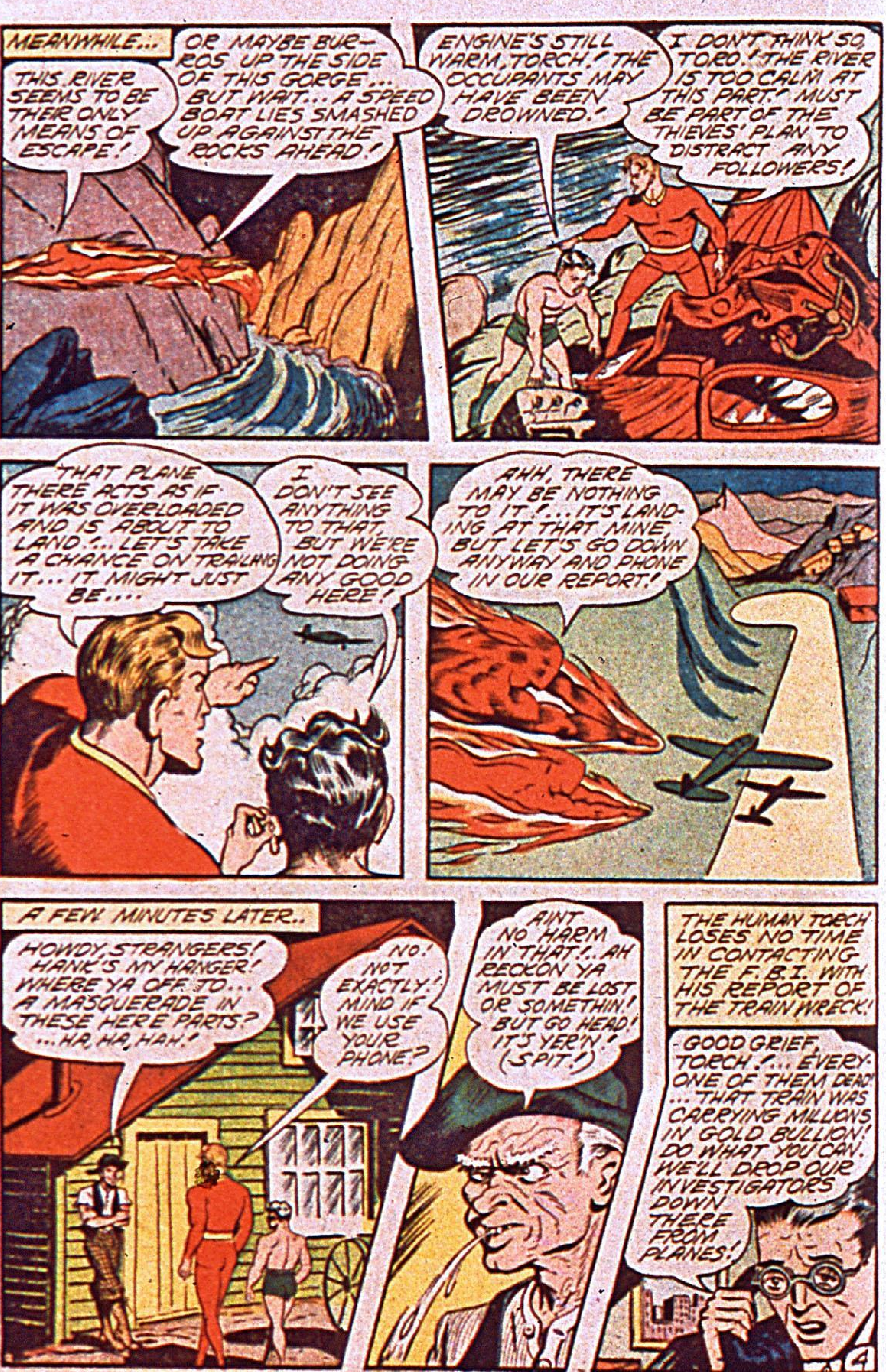
MEANWHILE...
THIS RIVER SEEMS TO BE THEIR ONLY MEANS OF ESCAPE!
OR MAYBE BURROS UP THE SIDE OF THIS GORGE... BUT WAIT.. A SPEED BOAT LIES SMASHED UP AGAINST THE ROCKS AHEAD!
ENGINE'S STILL WARM, TORCH! THE OCCUPANTS MAY HAVE BEEN DROWNED!
I DON'T THINK SO, TORO! THE RIVER IS TOO CALM AT THIS PART! MUST BE PART OF THE THIEVES' PLAN TO DISTRACT ANY FOLLOWERS!
THAT PLANE THERE ACTS AS IF IT WAS OVERLOADED AND IS ABOUT TO LAND!... LET'S TAKE A CHANCE ON TRAILING IT... IT MIGHT JUST BE....
I DON'T SEE ANYTHING TO THAT, BUT WE'RE NOT DOING ANY GOOD HERE!
AHH, THERE MAY BE NOTHING TO IT!... IT'S LANDING AT THAT MINE, BUT LET'S GO DOWN ANYWAY AND PHONE IN OUR REPORT!
A FEW MINUTES LATER..
HOWDY, STRANGERS! HANK'S MY HANGER! WHERE YA OFF TO... A MASQUERADE IN THESE HERE PARTS? ...HA, HA, HAH!
NO! NOT EXACTLY! MIND IF WE USE YOUR PHONE?
AINT NO HARM IN THAT!.. AH RECKON YA MUST BE LOST OR SOMETHIN! BUT GO HEAD! IT'S YER'N! (SPIT!)
THE HUMAN TORCH LOSES NO TIME IN CONTACTING THE F.B.I. WITH HIS REPORT OF THE TRAIN WRECK!
GOOD GRIEF, TORCH!... EVERYONE OF THEM DEAD!... THAT TRAIN WAS CARRYING MILLIONS IN GOLD BULLION! DO WHAT YOU CAN. WE'LL DROP OUR INVESTIGATORS DOWN THERE FROM PLANES!
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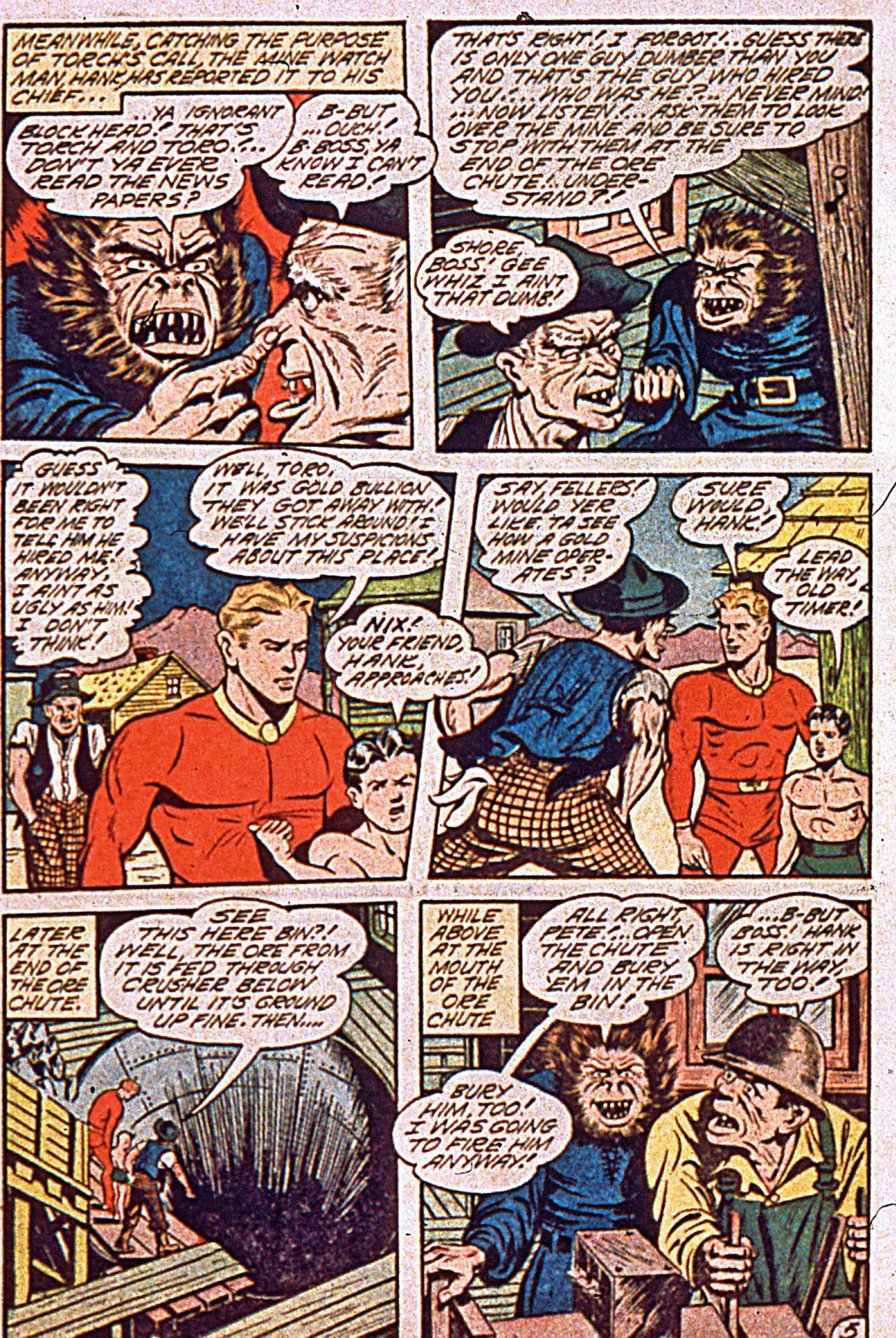
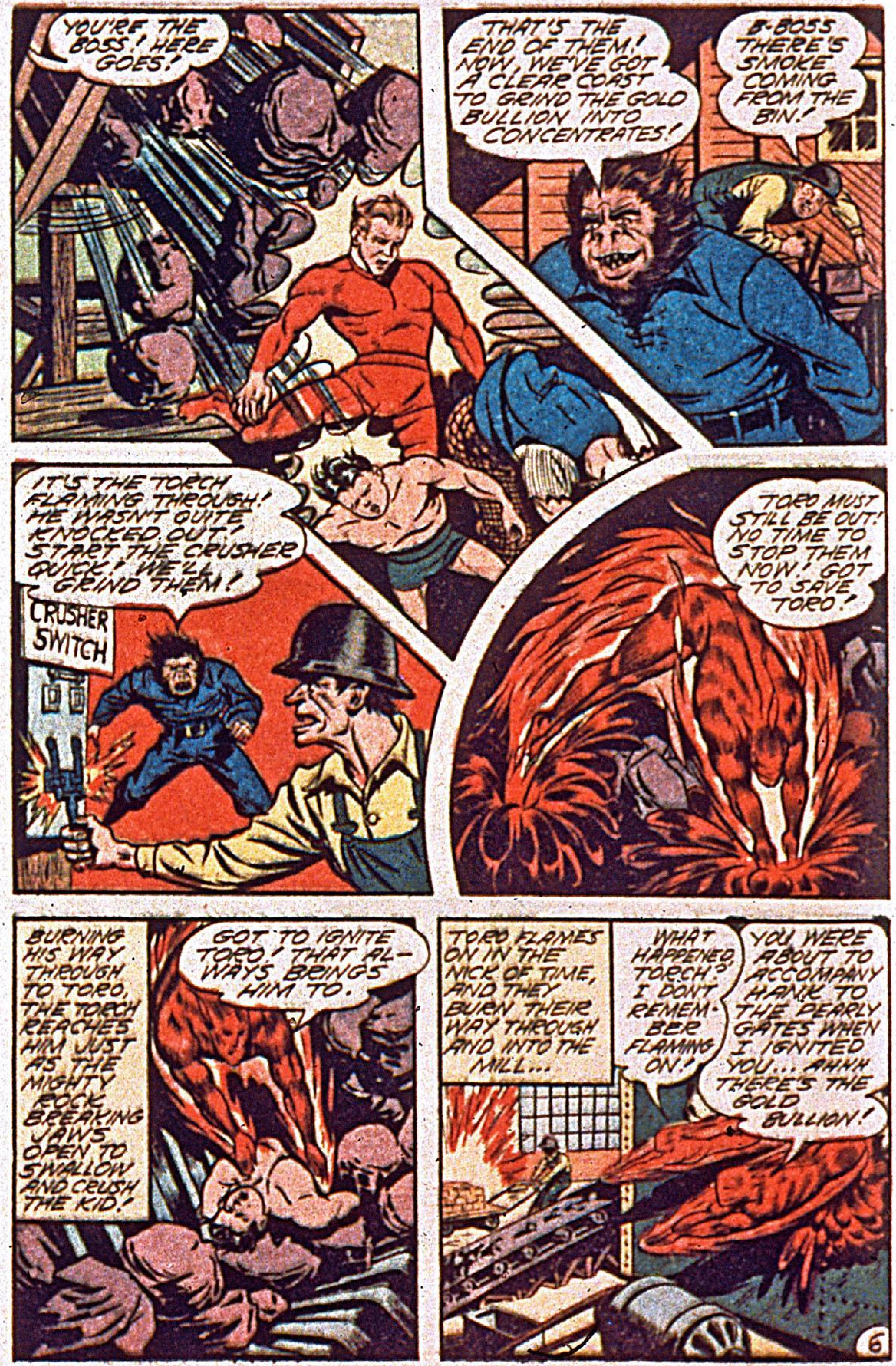
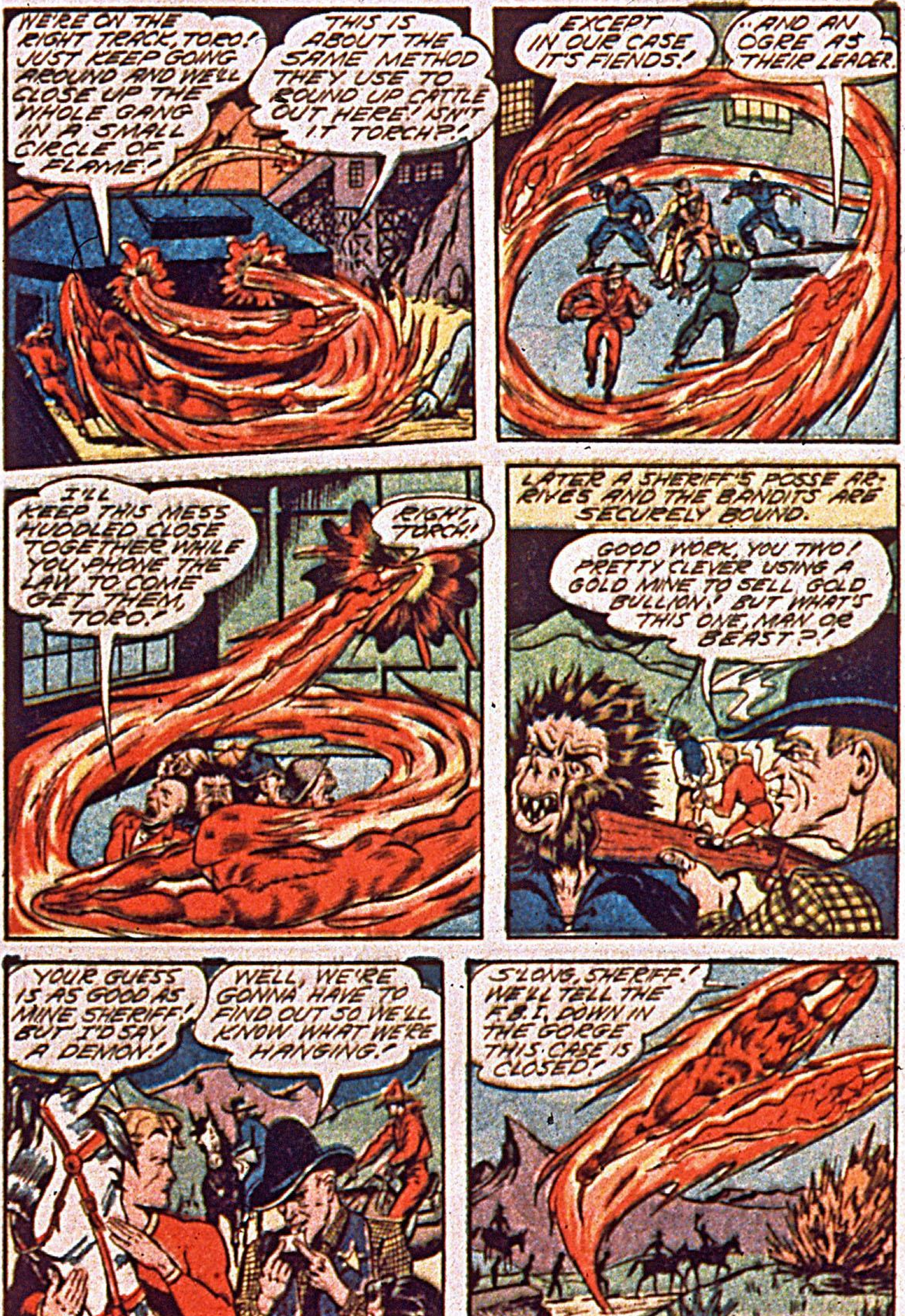

MEANWHILE, CATCHING THE PURPOSE OF TORCH'S CALL, THE MINE WATCH MAN, HANK HAS REPORTED IT TO HIS CHIEF...
...YA IGNORANT BLOCK HEAD! THAT'S TORCH AND TORO!... DON'T YA EVER READ THE NEWS PAPERS?
B-BUT ...OUCH! B-BOSS, YA KNOW I CAN'T READ!
THAT'S RIGHT!, I FORGOT!.. GUESS THERE IS ONLY ONE GUY DUMBER THAN YOU AND THAT'S THE GUY WHO HIRED YOU!... WHO WAS HE?... NEVER MIND! ...NOW LISTEN!... ASK THEM TO LOOK OVER THE MINE AND BE SURE TO STOP WITH THEM AT THE END OF THE ORE CHUTE!.. UNDERSTAND?!
SHORE, BOSS! GEE WHIZ I AINT THAT DUMB!
GUESS IT WOULDN'T BEEN RIGHT FOR ME TO TELL HIM HE HIRED ME! ANYWAY, I AINT AS UGLY AS HIM! I DON'T THINK!
WELL, TORO, IT WAS GOLD BULLION THEY GOT AWAY WITH! WE'LL STICK AROUND! I HAVE MY SUSPICIONS ABOUT THIS PLACE!
NIX! YOUR FRIEND, HANK, APPROACHES!
SAY, FELLERS! WOULD YER LIKE TA SEE HOW A GOLD MINE OPERATES?
SURE WOULD, HANK!
LEAD THE WAY, OLD TIMER!
LATER AT THE END OF THE ORE CHUTE.
SEE THIS HERE BIN?! WELL, THE ORE FROM IT IS FED THROUGH CRUSHER BELOW UNTIL IT'S GROUND UP FINE. THEN...
WHILE ABOVE AT THE MOUTH OF THE ORE CHUTE
ALL RIGHT, PETE!... OPEN THE CHUTE AND BURY 'EM IN THE BIN!
...B-BUT BOSS! HANK IS RIGHT IN THE WAY, TOO!
BURY HIM, TOO! I WAS GOING TO FIRE HIM ANYWAY!


YOU'RE THE BOSS! HERE GOES!
THAT'S THE END OF THEM! NOW, WE'VE GOT A CLEAR COAST TO GRIND THE GOLD BULLION INTO CONCENTRATES!
B-BOSS THERE'S SMOKE COMING FROM THE BIN!
IT'S THE TORCH FLAMING THROUGH! HE WASN'T QUITE KNOCKED OUT! START THE CRUSHER QUICK! WE'LL GRIND THEM!
CRUSHER SWITCH
TORO MUST STILL BE OUT! NO TIME TO STOP THEM NOW! GOT TO SAVE TORO!
BURNING HIS WAY THROUGH TO TORO, THE TORCH REACHES HIM JUST AS THE MIGHTY ROCK BREAKING JAWS OPEN TO SWALLOW AND CRUSH THE KID!
GOT TO IGNITE TORO! THAT ALWAYS BRINGS HIM TO.
TORO FLAMES ON IN THE NICK OF TIME, AND THEY BURN THEIR WAY THROUGH AND INTO THE MILL...
WHAT HAPPENED, TORCH? I DON'T REMEMBER FLAMING ON!
YOU WERE ABOUT TO ACCOMPANY HANK TO THE PEARLY GATES WHEN I IGNITED YOU... AHHH THERE'S THE GOLD BULLION!


WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, TORO! JUST KEEP GOING AROUND AND WE'LL CLOSE UP THE WHOLE GANG IN A SMALL CIRCLE OF FLAME!
THIS IS ABOUT THE SAME METHOD THEY USE TO ROUND UP CATTLE OUT HERE! ISN'T IT TORCH?!
EXCEPT IN OUR CASE IT'S FIENDS!
...AND AN OGRE AS THEIR LEADER.
I'LL KEEP THIS MESS HUDDLED CLOSE TOGETHER WHILE YOU PHONE THE LAW TO COME GET THEM, TORO!
RIGHT, TORCH!
LATER A SHERIFF'S POSSE ARRIVES AND THE BANDITS ARE SECURELY BOUND.
GOOD WORK, YOU TWO! PRETTY CLEVER USING A GOLD MINE TO SELL GOLD BULLION! BUT WHAT'S THIS ONE, MAN OR BEAST?!
YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE SHERIFF! BUT I'D SAY A DEMON!
WELL, WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO FIND OUT SO WE'LL KNOW WHAT WE'RE HANGING!
S'LONG, SHERIFF! WE'LL TELL THE F.B.I. DOWN IN THE GORGE THIS CASE IS CLOSED!
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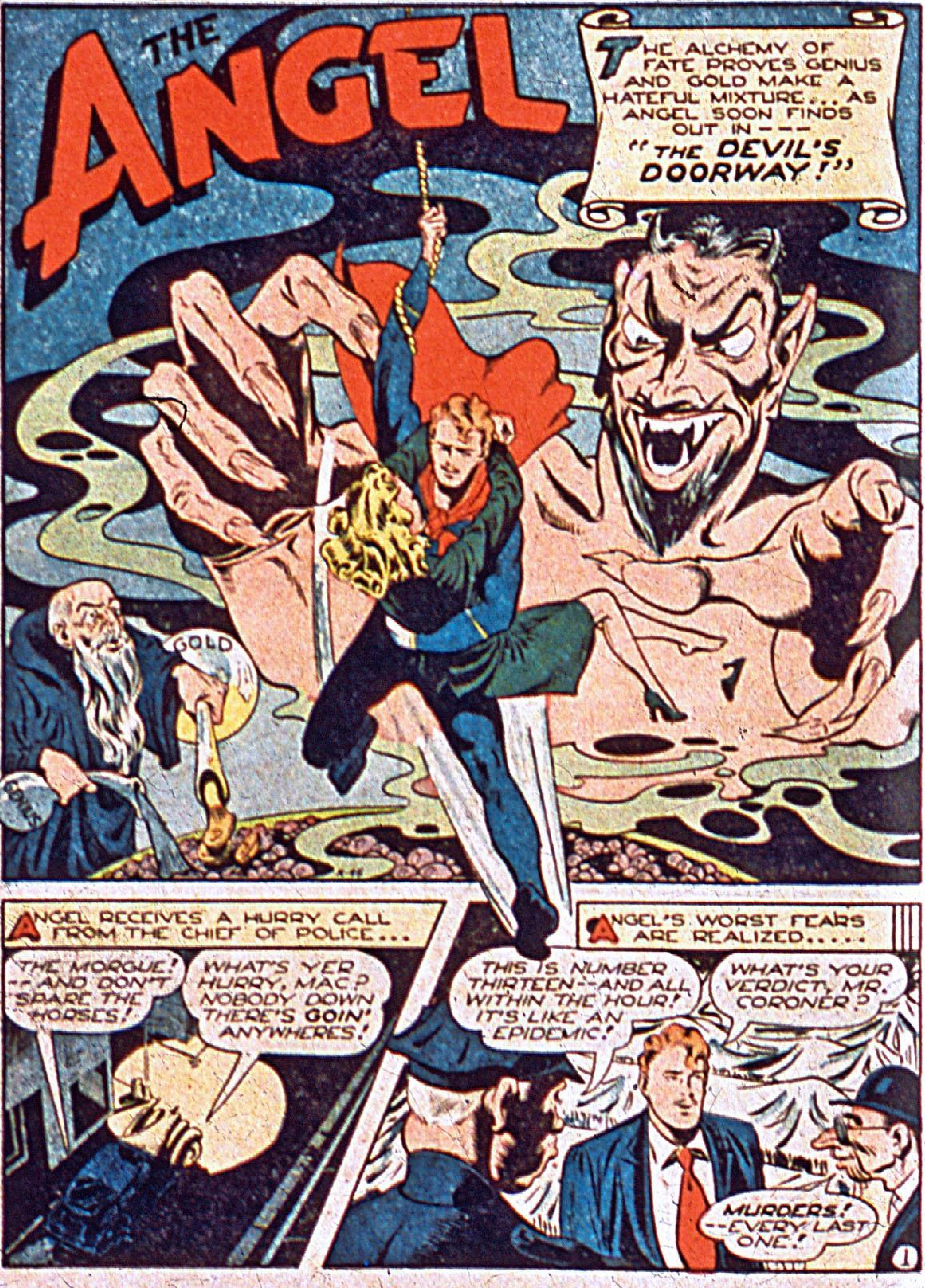
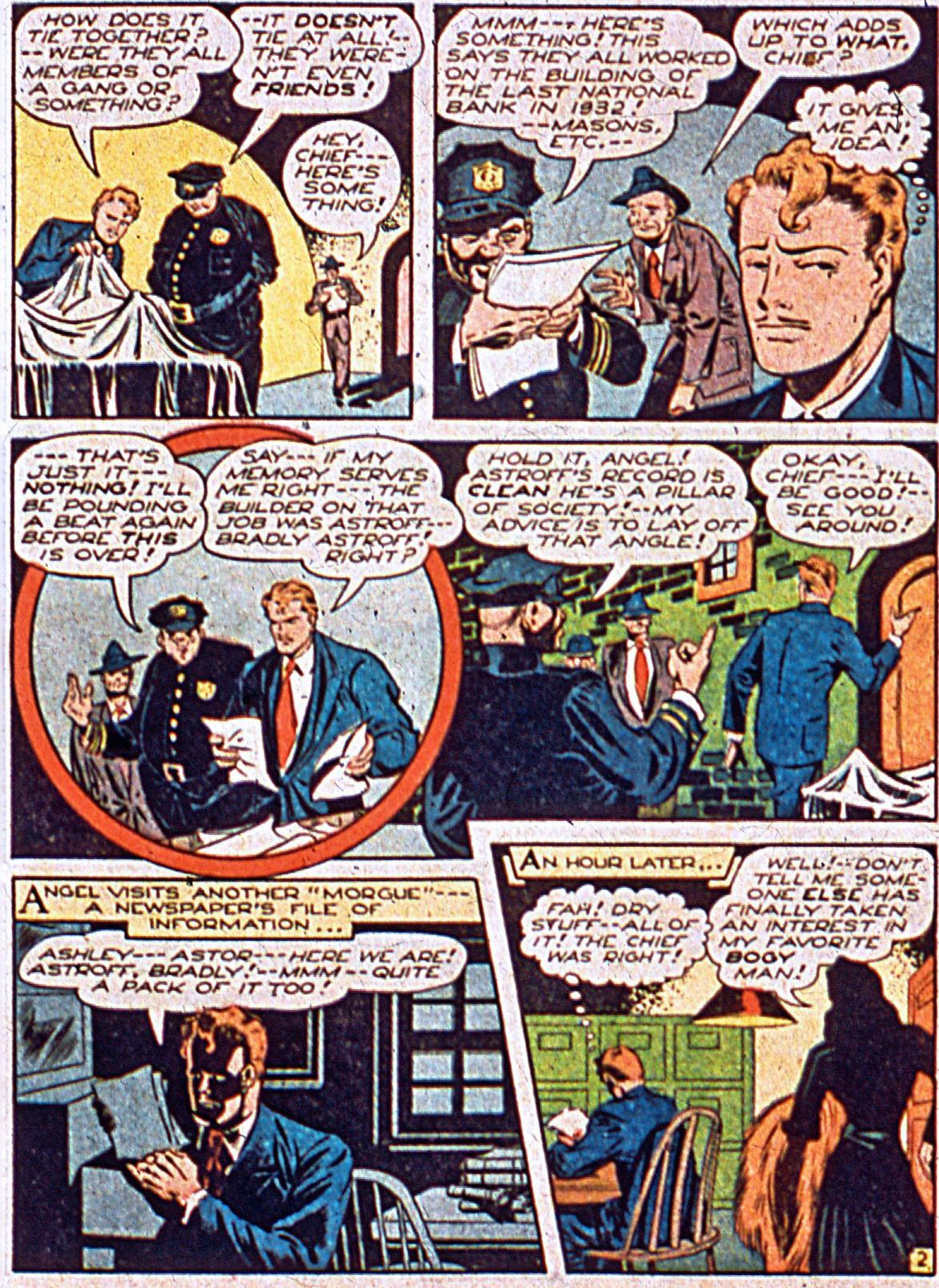

THE ANGEL
THE ALCHEMY OF FATE PROVES GENIUS AND GOLD MAKE A HATEFUL MIXTURE... AS ANGEL SOON FINDS OUT IN---
"THE DEVIL'S DOORWAY!"
GOLD
COINS
ANGEL RECEIVES A HURRY CALL FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE...
THE MORGUE! --AND DON'T SPARE THE HORSES!
WHAT'S YER HURRY, MAC? NOBODY DOWN THERE'S GOIN' ANYWHERES!
ANGEL'S WORST FEARS ARE REALIZED.....
THIS IS NUMBER THIRTEEN--AND ALL WITHIN THE HOUR! IT'S LIKE AN EPIDEMIC!
WHAT'S YOUR VERDICT, MR. CORONER?
MURDERS! --EVERY LAST ONE!


HOW DOES IT TIE TOGETHER? --WERE THEY ALL MEMBERS OF A GANG OR SOMETHING?
--IT **DOESN'T** TIE AT ALL!--THEY WEREN'T EVEN **FRIENDS**!
HEY, CHIEF---HERE'S SOME THING!
MMM---HERE'S SOMETHING! THIS SAYS THEY ALL WORKED ON THE BUILDING OF THE LAST NATIONAL BANK IN 1932! --MASONS, ETC.--
WHICH ADDS UP TO WHAT, CHIEF?
IT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
---THAT'S JUST IT---**NOTHING**! I'LL BE POUNDING A BEAT AGAIN BEFORE **THIS** IS OVER!
SAY---IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME RIGHT---THE BUILDER ON THAT JOB WAS ASTROFF---BRADLY ASTROFF! RIGHT?
HOLD IT, ANGEL! ASTROFF'S RECORD IS **CLEAN** HE'S A PILLAR OF SOCIETY!--MY ADVICE IS TO LAY OFF THAT ANGLE!
OKAY, CHIEF---I'LL BE GOOD!--SEE YOU AROUND!
ANGEL VISITS ANOTHER "MORGUE"---A NEWSPAPER'S FILE OF INFORMATION...
ASHLEY---ASTOR---HERE WE ARE! ASTROFF, BRADLY!--MMM--QUITE A PACK OF IT TOO!
AN HOUR LATER...
FAH! DRY STUFF--ALL OF IT! THE CHIEF WAS RIGHT!
WELL!--DON'T TELL ME SOMEONE **ELSE** HAS FINALLY TAKEN AN INTEREST IN MY FAVORITE **BOGY MAN**!
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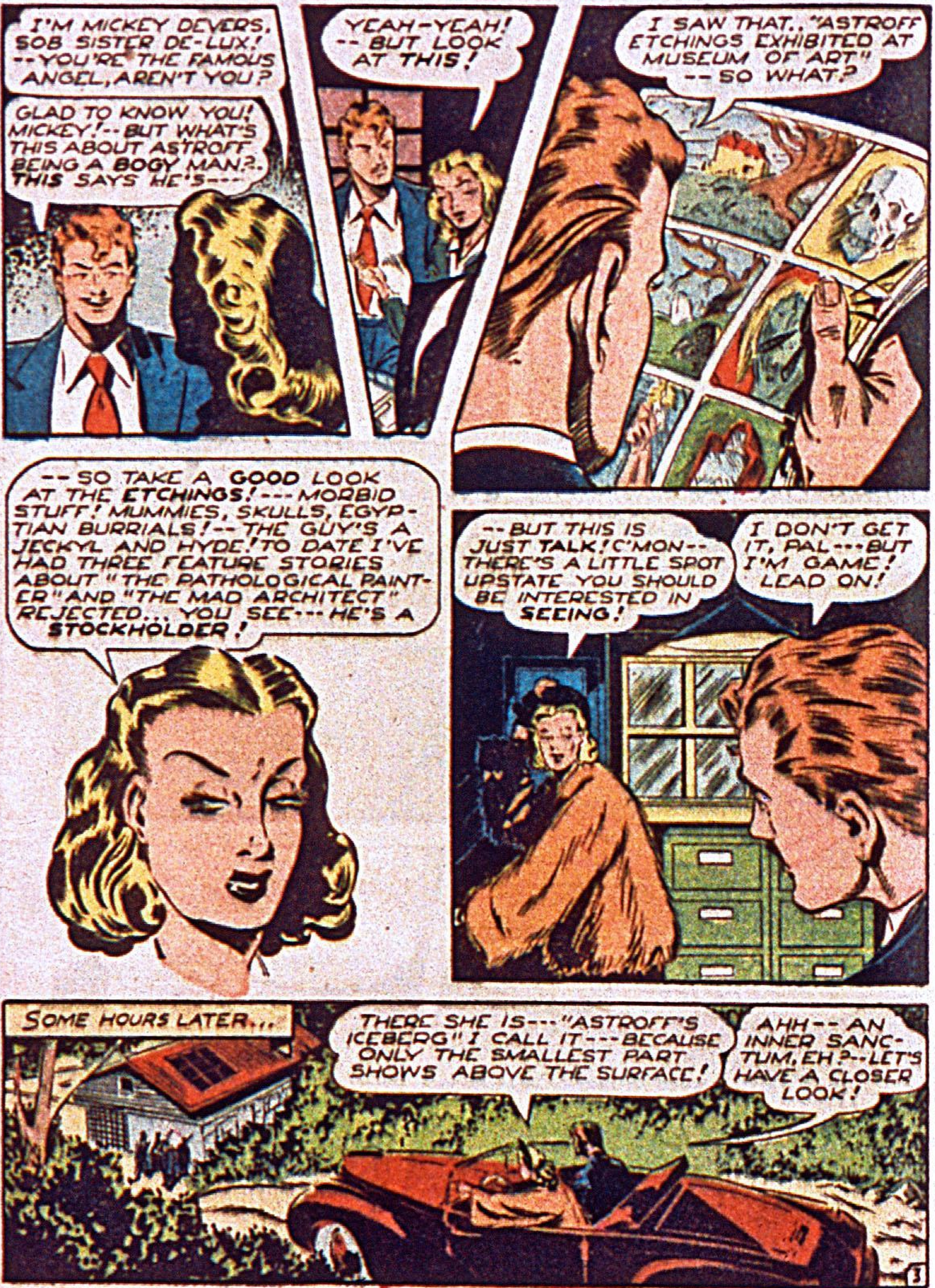
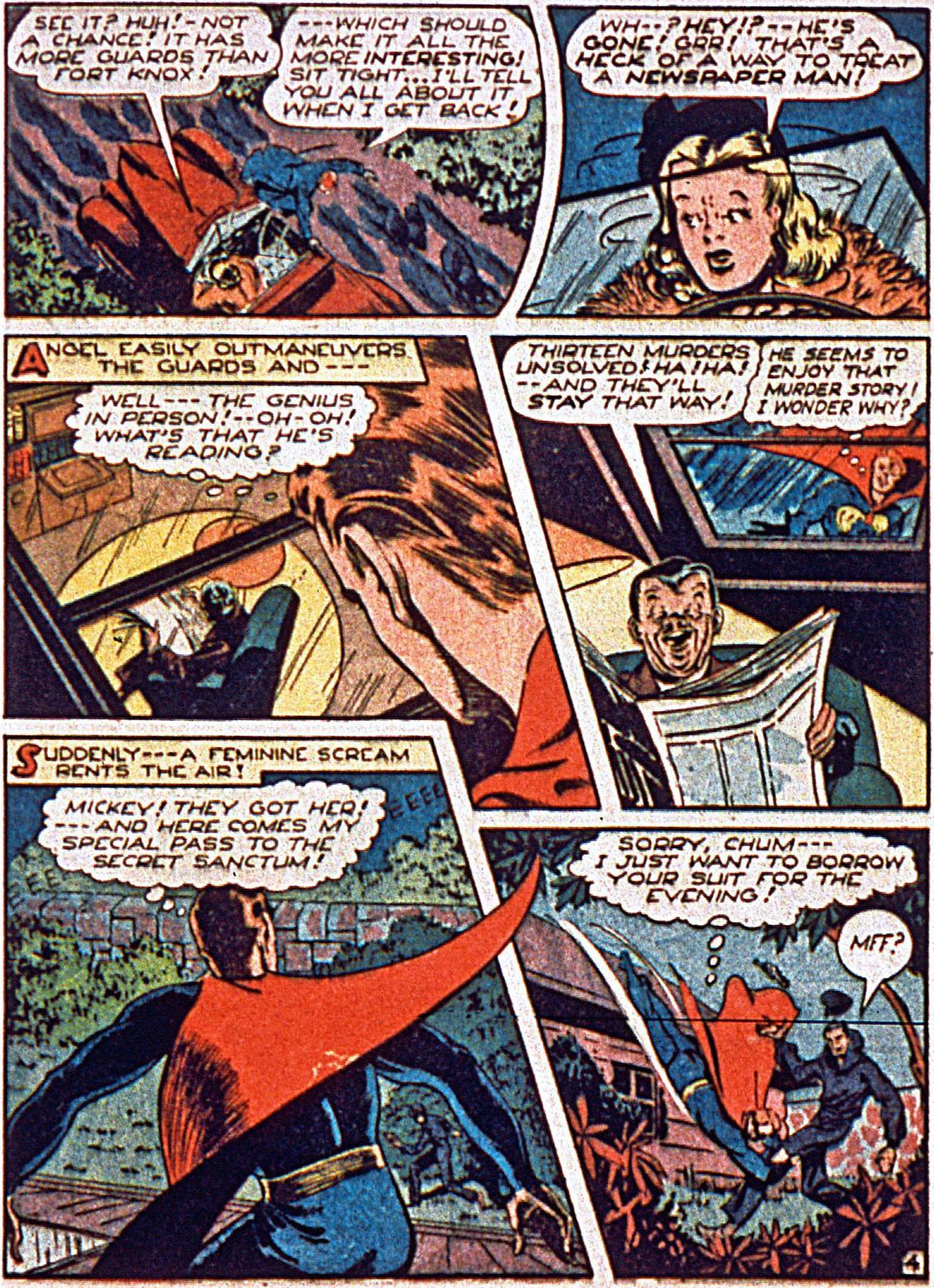

I'M MICKEY DEVERS. SOB SISTER DE-LUX! --YOU'RE THE FAMOUS ANGEL, AREN'T YOU?
GLAD TO KNOW YOU! MICKEY!--BUT WHAT'S THIS ABOUT ASTROFF BEING A BOGY MAN?. THIS SAYS HE'S---
YEAH-YEAH! --BUT LOOK AT THIS!
I SAW THAT.. "ASTROFF ETCHINGS EXHIBITED AT MUSEUM OF ART" --SO WHAT?
--SO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE ETCHINGS!---MORBID STUFF! MUMMIES, SKULLS, EGYPTIAN BURRIALS!--THE GUY'S A JECKYL AND HYDE! TO DATE I'VE HAD THREE FEATURE STORIES ABOUT "THE PATHOLOGICAL PAINTER" AND "THE MAD ARCHITECT" REJECTED... YOU SEE---HE'S A STOCKHOLDER!
--BUT THIS IS JUST TALK! C'MON-- THERE'S A LITTLE SPOT UPSTATE YOU SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEEING!
I DON'T GET IT, PAL---BUT I'M GAME! LEAD ON!
SOME HOURS LATER...
THERE SHE IS---"ASTROFF'S ICEBERG" I CALL IT---BECAUSE ONLY THE SMALLEST PART SHOWS ABOVE THE SURFACE!
AHH--AN INNER SANCTUM, EH?--LET'S HAVE A CLOSER LOOK!


SEE IT? HUH! - NOT A CHANCE! IT HAS MORE GUARDS THAN FORT KNOX!
---WHICH SHOULD MAKE IT ALL THE MORE INTERESTING! SIT TIGHT...I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT WHEN I GET BACK!
WH--? HEY!? --HE'S GONE! GRR! THAT'S A HECK OF A WAY TO TREAT A NEWSPAPER MAN!
ANGEL EASILY OUTMANEUVERS THE GUARDS AND---
WELL--- THE GENIUS IN PERSON!--OH-OH! WHAT'S THAT HE'S READING?
THIRTEEN MURDERS UNSOLVED! HA! HA! --AND THEY'LL STAY THAT WAY!
HE SEEMS TO ENJOY THAT MURDER STORY! I WONDER WHY?
SUDDENLY---A FEMININE SCREAM RENTS THE AIR!
EEEE
MICKEY! THEY GOT HER! ---AND HERE COMES MY SPECIAL PASS TO THE SECRET SANCTUM!
SORRY, CHUM--- I JUST WANT TO BORROW YOUR SUIT FOR THE EVENING!
MFF?
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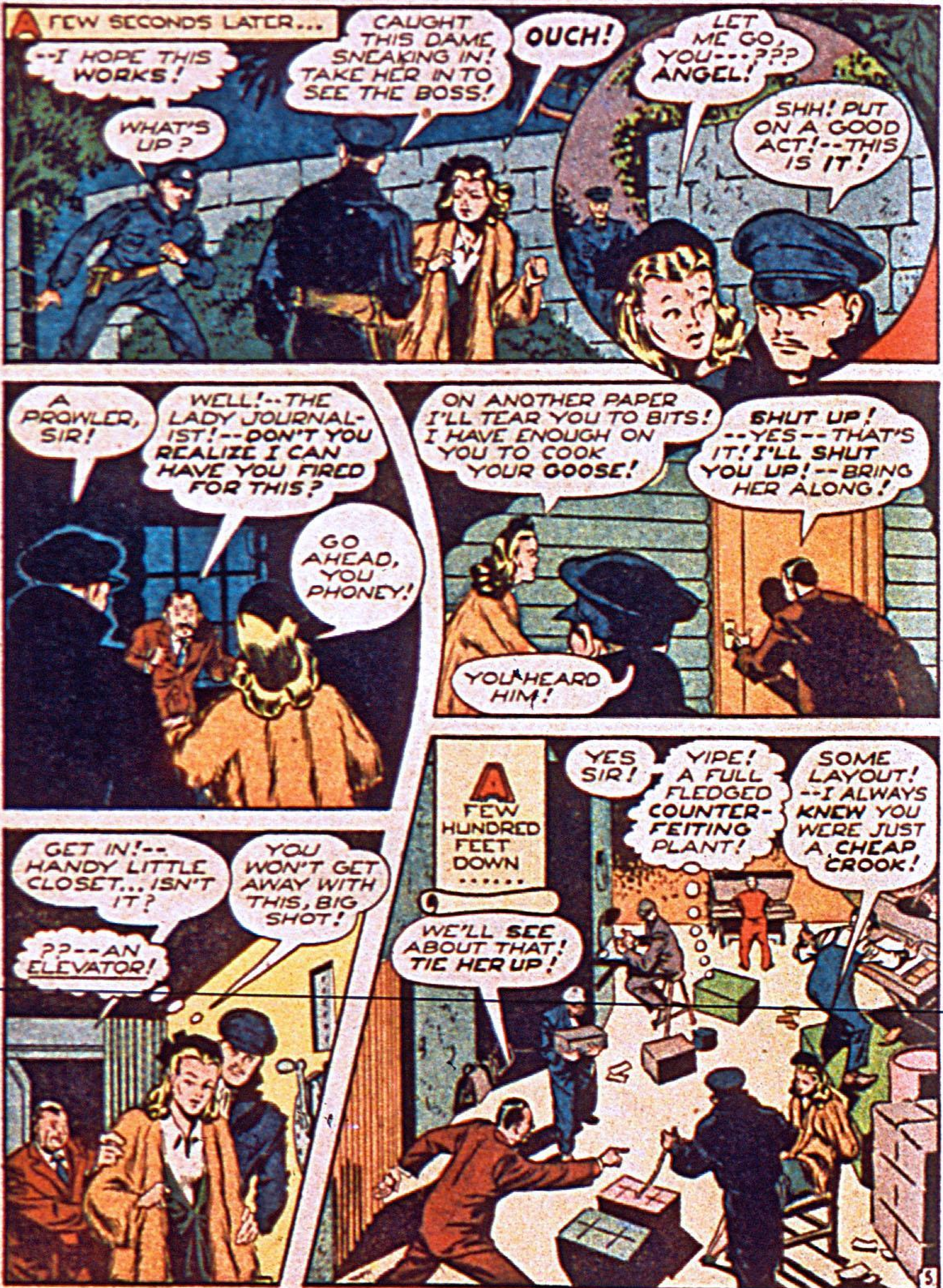
A FEW SECONDS LATER...
--I HOPE THIS WORKS!
WHAT'S UP?
CAUGHT THIS DAME SNEAKING IN! TAKE HER IN TO SEE THE BOSS!
OUCH!
LET ME GO, YOU---??? ANGEL!
SHH! PUT ON A GOOD ACT!--THIS IS IT!
A PROWLER, SIR!
WELL!--THE LADY JOURNALIST!--DON'T YOU REALIZE I CAN HAVE YOU FIRED FOR THIS?
GO AHEAD, YOU PHONEY!
ON ANOTHER PAPER I'LL TEAR YOU TO BITS! I HAVE ENOUGH ON YOU TO COOK YOUR GOOSE!
SHUT UP! --YES--THAT'S IT! I'LL SHUT YOU UP!--BRING HER ALONG!
YOU HEARD HIM!
GET IN!--HANDY LITTLE CLOSET... ISN'T IT?
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, BIG SHOT!
??--AN ELEVATOR!
A FEW HUNDRED FEET DOWN ......
YES SIR!
YIPE! A FULL FLEDGED COUNTERFEITING PLANT!
SOME LAYOUT! --I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WERE JUST A CHEAP CROOK!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT! TIE HER UP!
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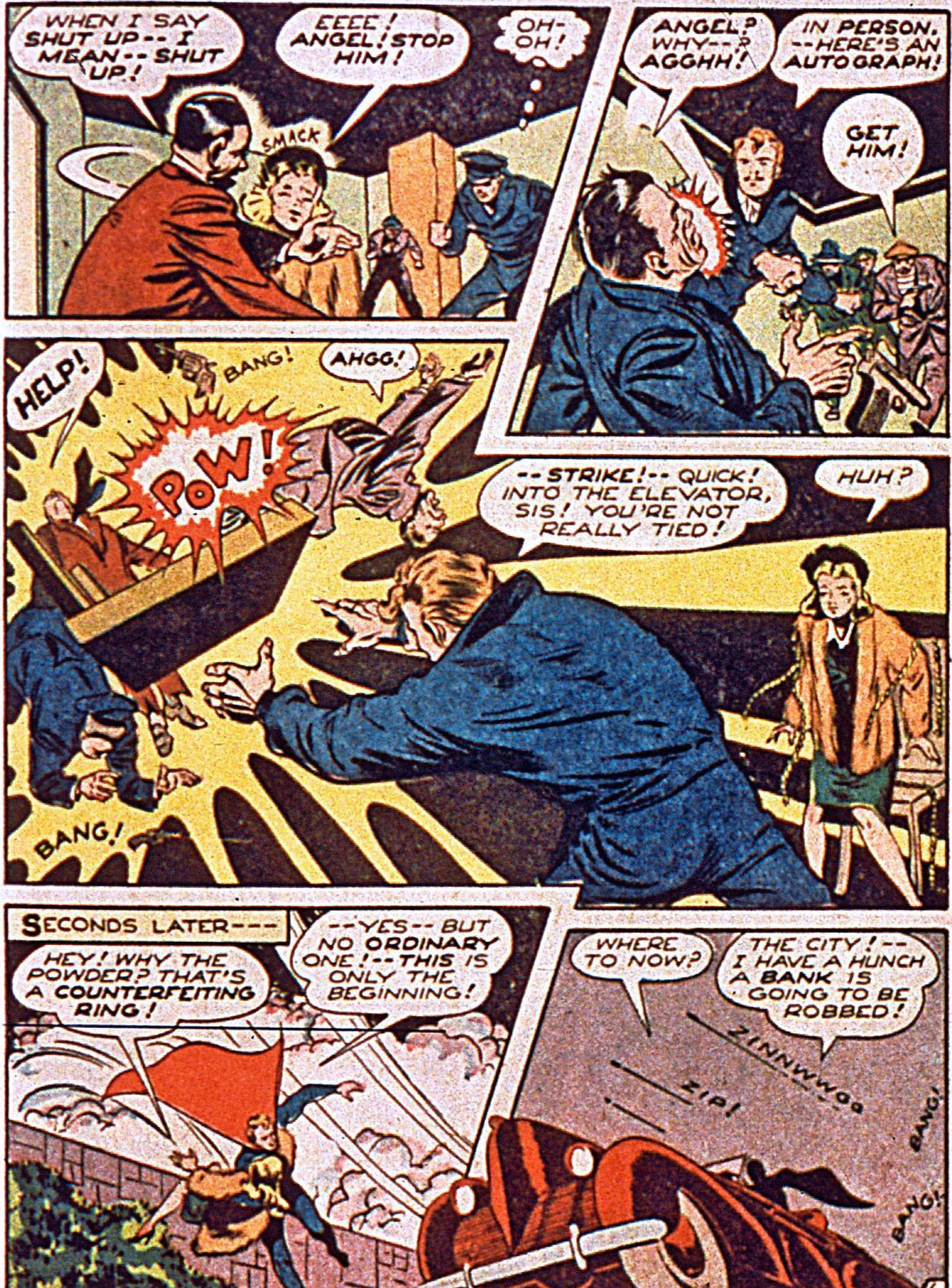
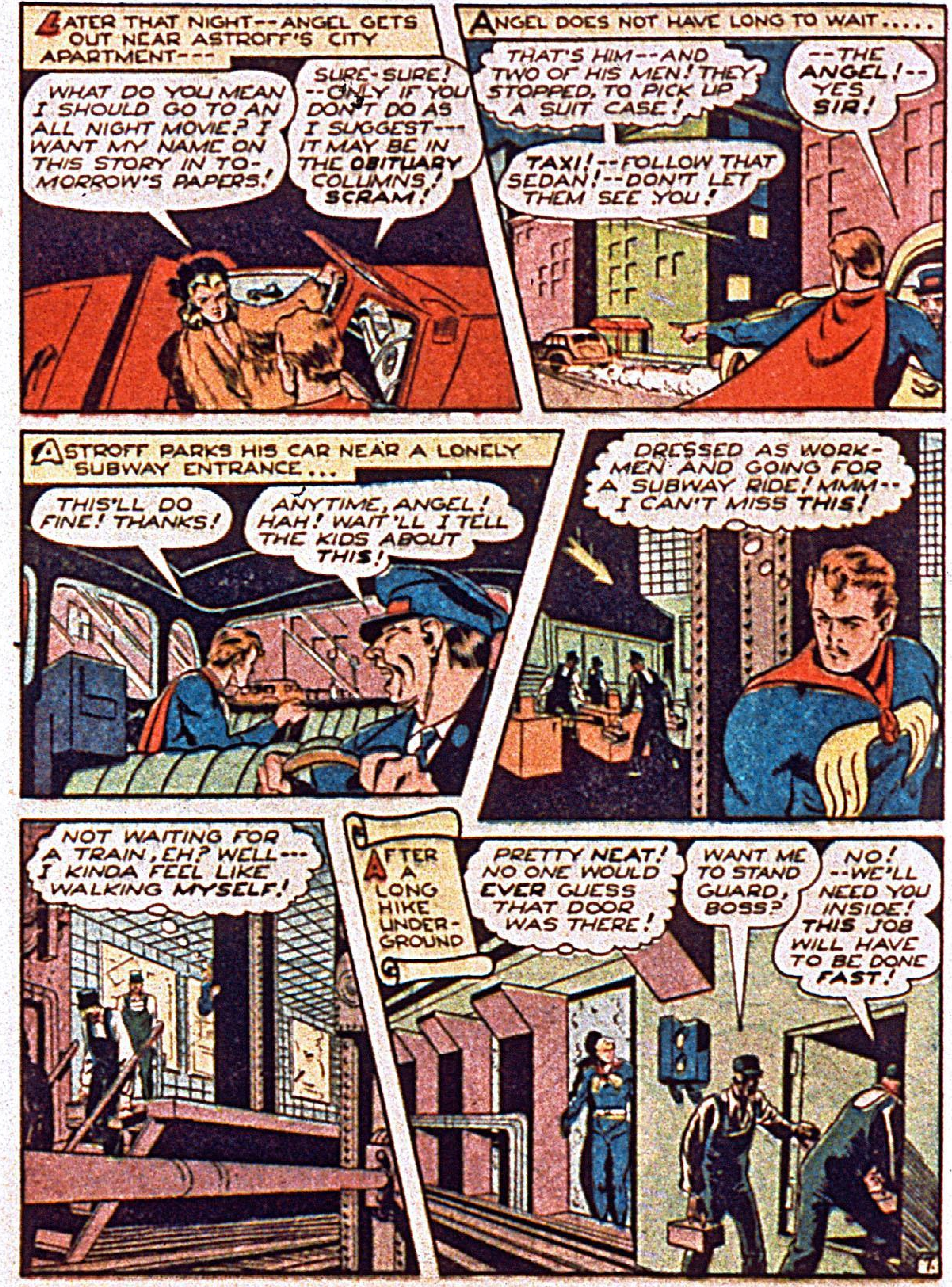
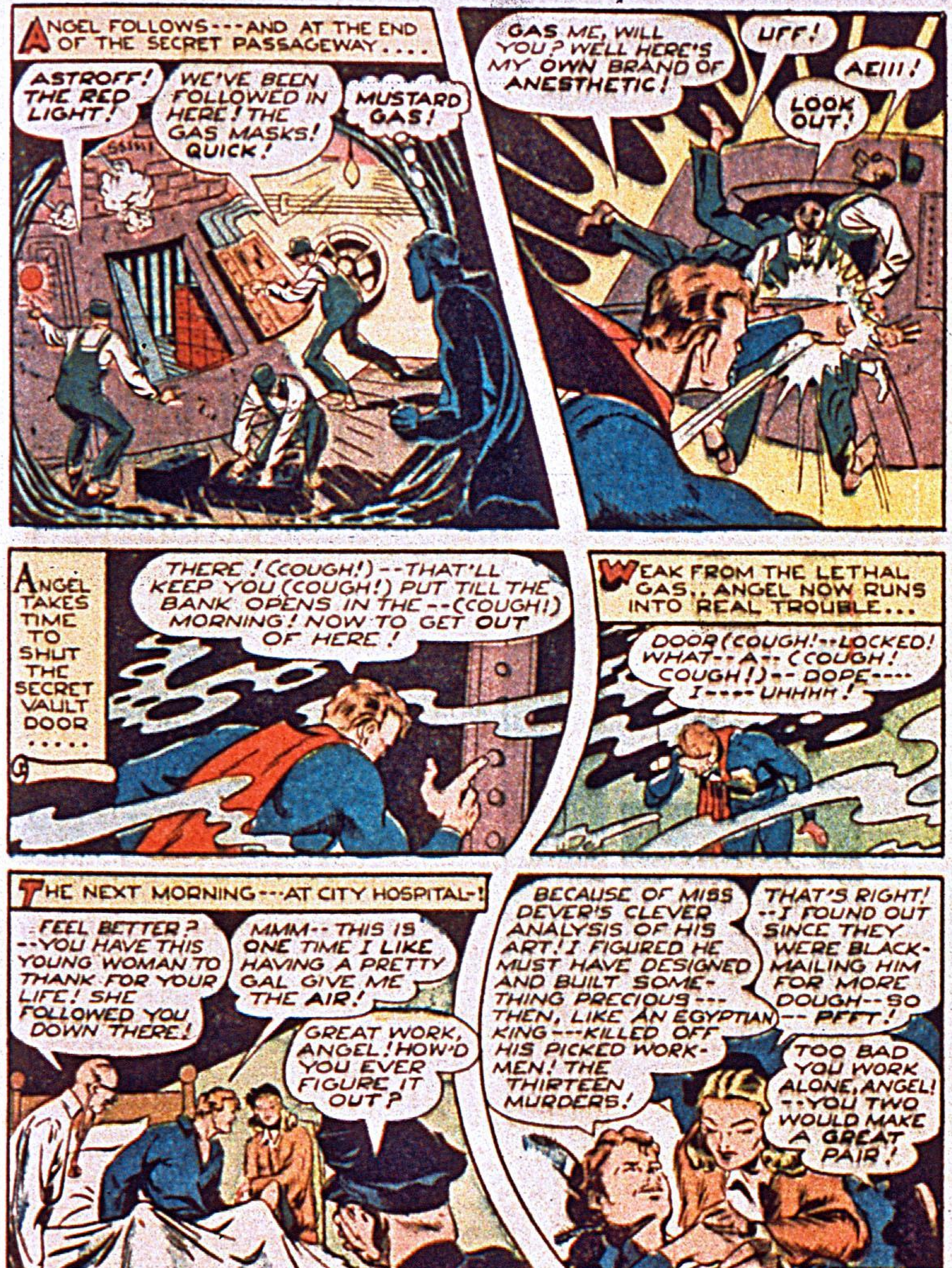
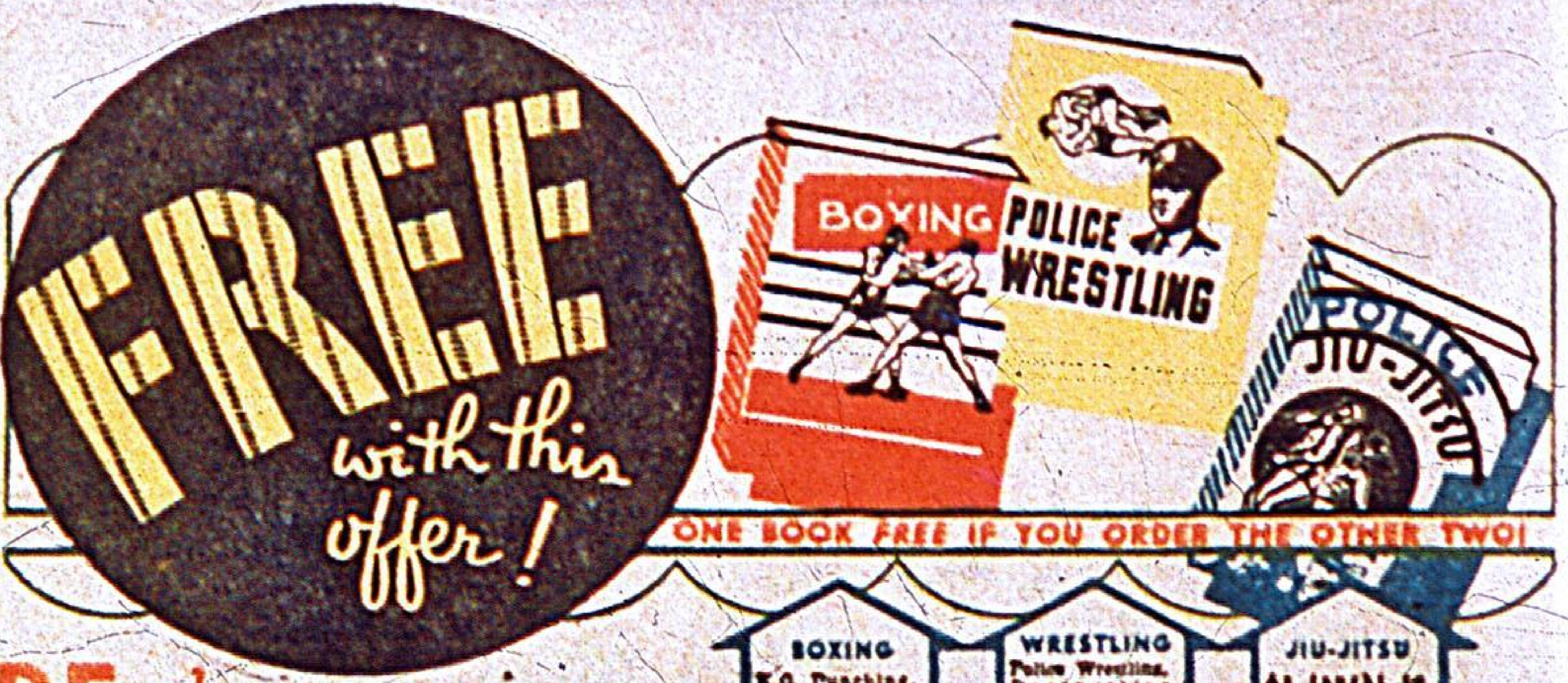

WHEN I SAY SHUT UP -- I MEAN -- SHUT UP!
SMACK
EEEE! ANGEL! STOP HIM!
OH-OH!
ANGEL? WHY--? AGGHH!
IN PERSON. --HERE'S AN AUTOGRAPH!
GET HIM!
HELP!
BANG!
AHGG!
POW!
BANG!
-- STRIKE! -- QUICK! INTO THE ELEVATOR, SIS! YOU'RE NOT REALLY TIED!
HUH?
SECONDS LATER---
HEY! WHY THE POWDER? THAT'S A COUNTERFEITING RING!
-- YES -- BUT NO ORDINARY ONE! -- THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!
WHERE TO NOW?
THE CITY! -- I HAVE A HUNCH A BANK IS GOING TO BE ROBBED!
ZINNNWWOO
ZIP!
BANG!
BANG!


LATER THAT NIGHT--ANGEL GETS OUT NEAR ASTROFF'S CITY APARTMENT---
WHAT DO YOU MEAN I SHOULD GO TO AN ALL NIGHT MOVIE? I WANT MY NAME ON THIS STORY IN TOMORROW'S PAPERS!
SURE-SURE! --ONLY IF YOU DON'T DO AS I SUGGEST--- IT MAY BE IN THE OBITUARY COLUMNS! SCRAM!
ANGEL DOES NOT HAVE LONG TO WAIT.....
THAT'S HIM--AND TWO OF HIS MEN! THEY STOPPED, TO PICK UP A SUIT CASE!
TAXI!--FOLLOW THAT SEDAN!--DON'T LET THEM SEE YOU!
--THE ANGEL!--YES SIR!
ASTROFF PARKS HIS CAR NEAR A LONELY SUBWAY ENTRANCE...
THIS'LL DO FINE! THANKS!
ANYTIME, ANGEL! HAH! WAIT'LL I TELL THE KIDS ABOUT THIS!
DRESSED AS WORKMEN AND GOING FOR A SUBWAY RIDE! MMM-- I CAN'T MISS THIS!
NOT WAITING FOR A TRAIN, EH? WELL--- I KINDA FEEL LIKE WALKING MYSELF!
AFTER A LONG HIKE UNDERGROUND
PRETTY NEAT! NO ONE WOULD EVER GUESS THAT DOOR WAS THERE!
WANT ME TO STAND GUARD, BOSS?
NO! --WE'LL NEED YOU INSIDE! THIS JOB WILL HAVE TO BE DONE FAST!


ANGEL FOLLOWS---AND AT THE END OF THE SECRET PASSAGEWAY....
ASTROFF! THE RED LIGHT!
WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWED IN HERE! THE GAS MASKS! QUICK!
MUSTARD GAS!
GAS ME, WILL YOU? WELL HERE'S MY OWN BRAND OF ANESTHETIC!
UFF!
AEIII!
LOOK OUT!
ANGEL TAKES TIME TO SHUT THE SECRET VAULT DOOR.....
THERE! (COUGH!)--THAT'LL KEEP YOU (COUGH!) PUT TILL THE BANK OPENS IN THE--(COUGH!) MORNING! NOW TO GET OUT OF HERE!
WEAK FROM THE LETHAL GAS, ANGEL NOW RUNS INTO REAL TROUBLE...
DOOR (COUGH!--LOCKED! WHAT--A--(COUGH! COUGH!)--DOPE---- I----UHHHH!
THE NEXT MORNING---AT CITY HOSPITAL--!
FEEL BETTER? --YOU HAVE THIS YOUNG WOMAN TO THANK FOR YOUR LIFE! SHE FOLLOWED YOU DOWN THERE!
MMM-- THIS IS ONE TIME I LIKE HAVING A PRETTY GAL GIVE ME THE AIR!
GREAT WORK, ANGEL! HOW'D YOU EVER FIGURE IT OUT?
BECAUSE OF MISS DEVER'S CLEVER ANALYSIS OF HIS ART! I FIGURED HE MUST HAVE DESIGNED AND BUILT SOMETHING PRECIOUS--- THEN, LIKE AN EGYPTIAN KING---KILLED OFF HIS PICKED WORKMEN! THE THIRTEEN MURDERS!
THAT'S RIGHT! --I FOUND OUT SINCE THEY WERE BLACKMAILING HIM FOR MORE DOUGH--SO --PFFT!
TOO BAD YOU WORK ALONE, ANGEL! --YOU TWO WOULD MAKE A GREAT PAIR!
THE END.



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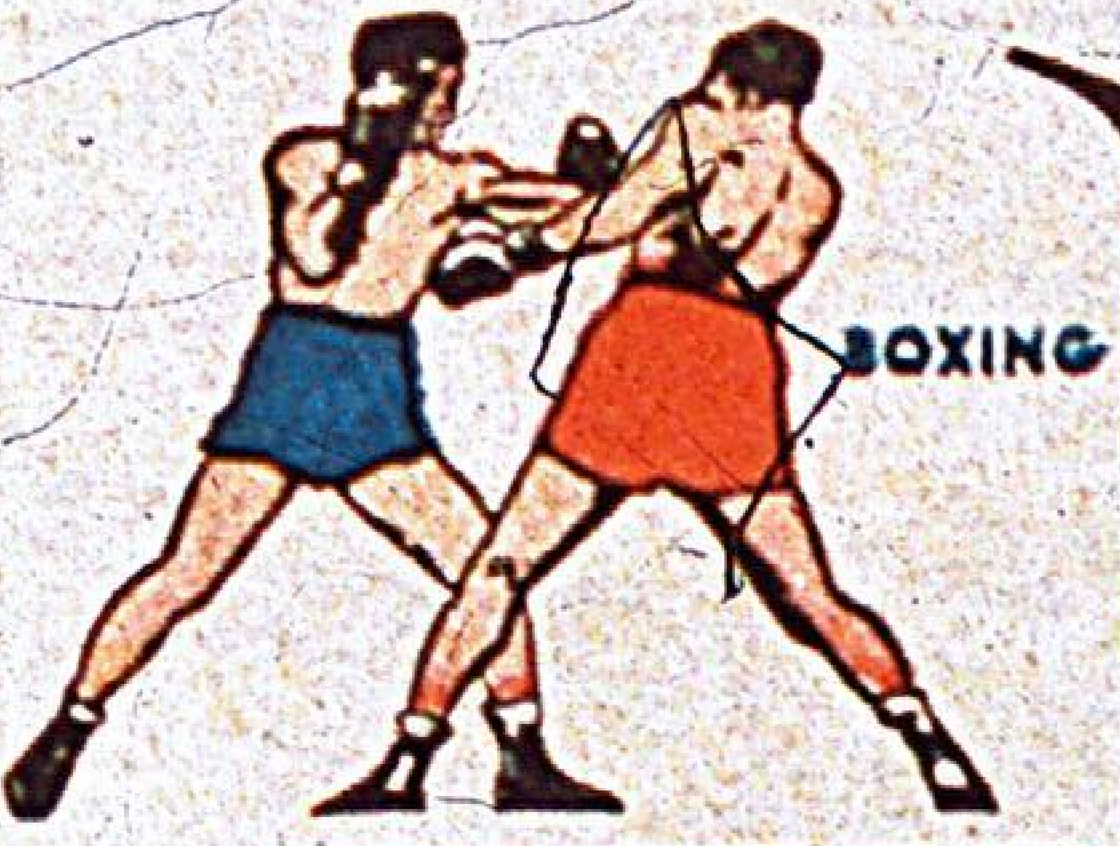

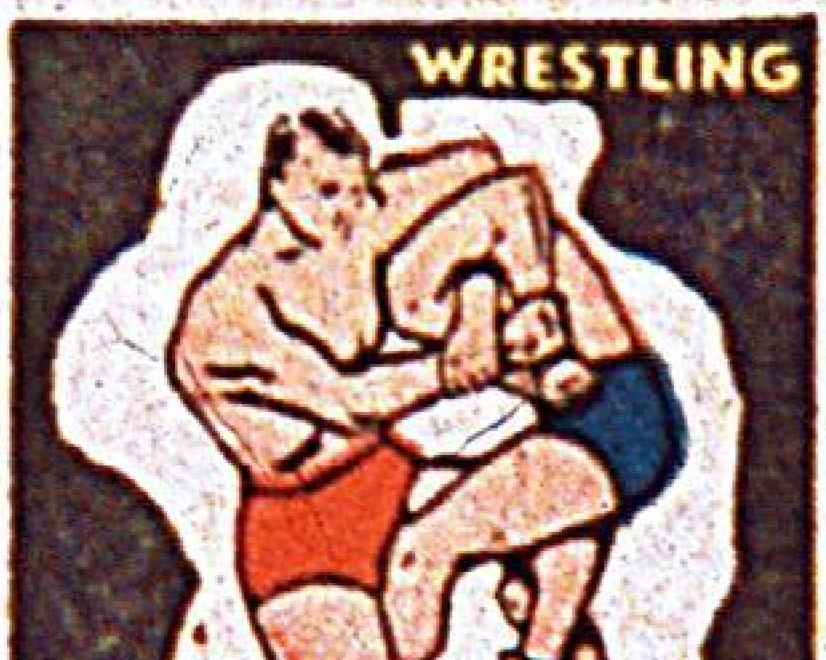

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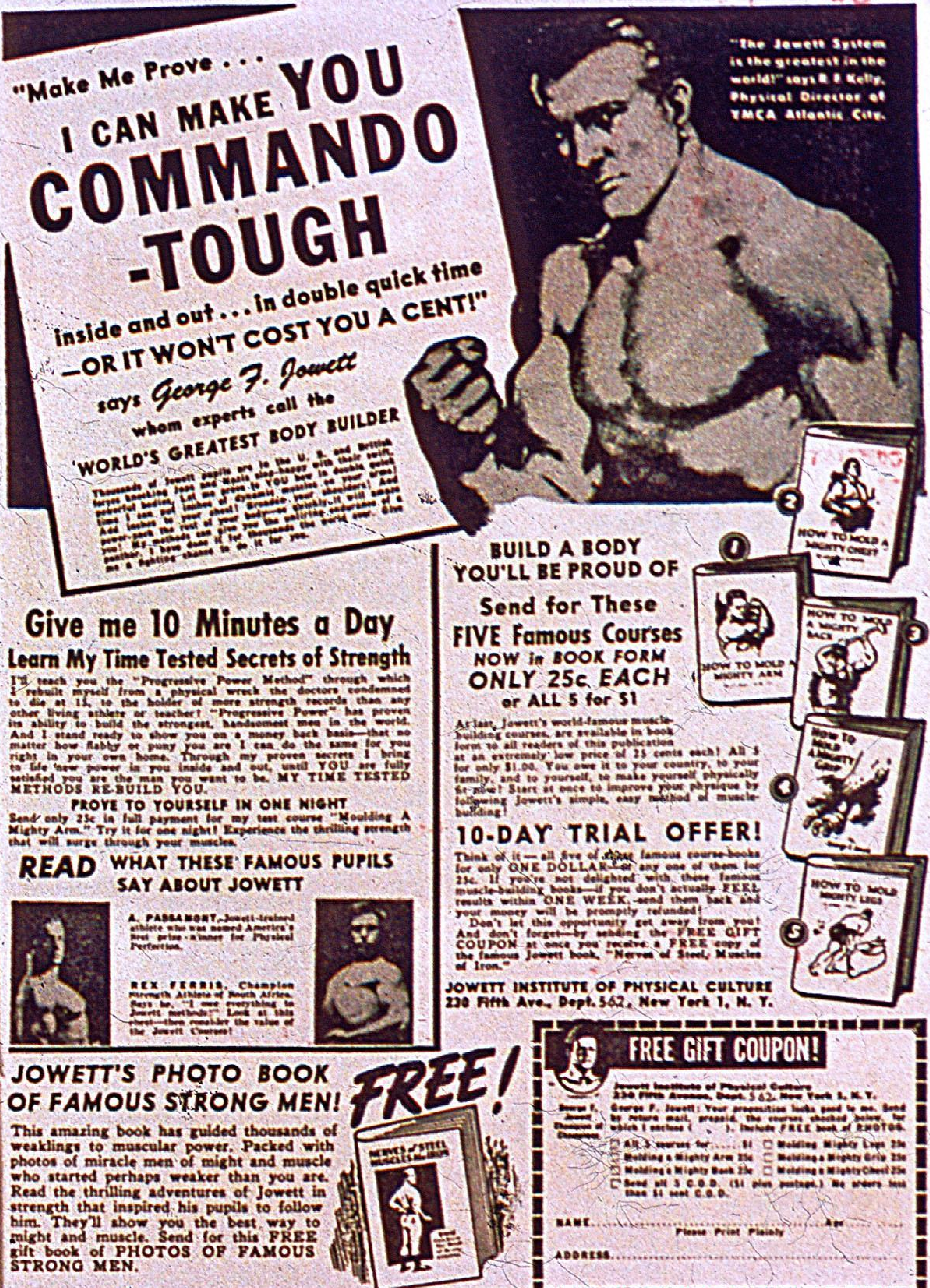
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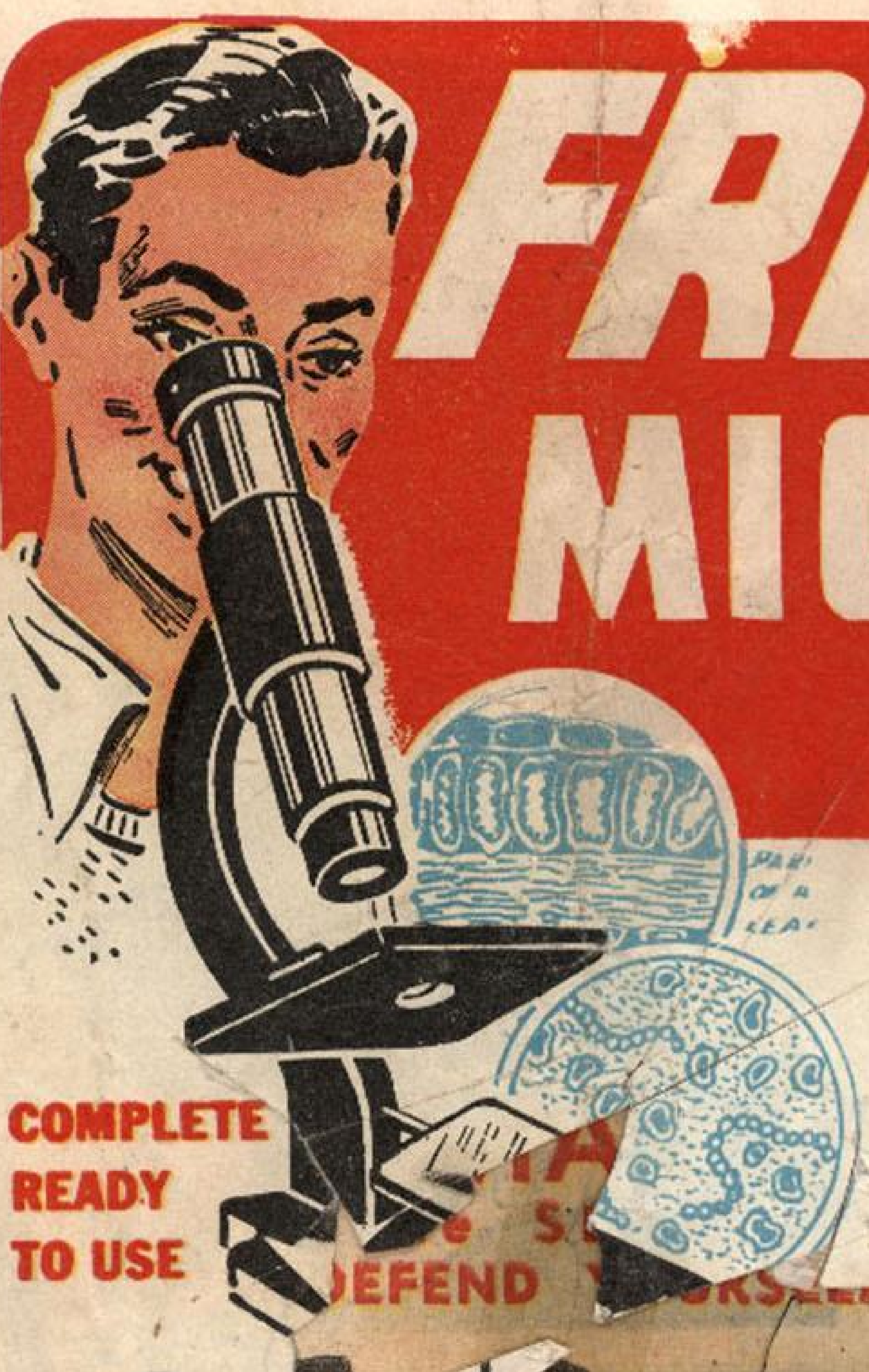

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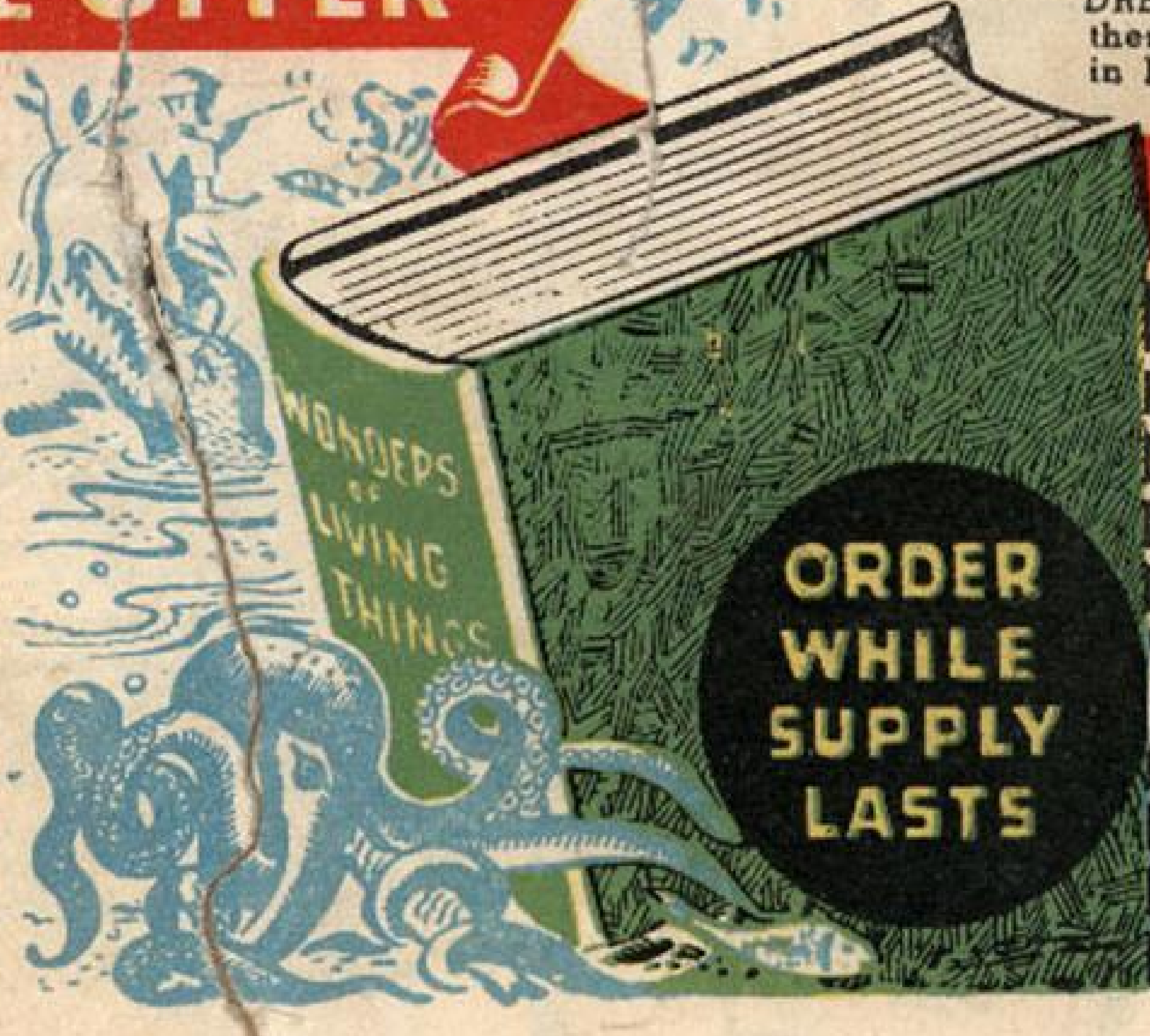

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